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Additional Particulars.

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Fisk was made comfortable at the hotel after the shooting was accomplished. Crowds commenced to gather about the various theatres, and in the hotel, eagerly discussing the event. The inquiries were the particulars of the affair.

Stokes was arrested Stokes conveyed him to the Fourth Precinct Station, where he is at present.

Fisk is sleeping soundly. The ball not extracted. The physicians say he will live through the night, and think favorably of his ultimate recovery.

EXECUTION HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—The *Tribune* says that such damaging testimony is being elicited by the inquiry into the Custom House frauds, that much demoralization exists among the Custom House officials, and many of the minor offices were yesterday heard indulging in harsh recriminations against each other. Colonel Lent is in attendance, and in constant communication with General Hawk, whom he keeps advised as to the points to be elicited in his favor.

Mr. Cooper, clerk at Stewart's, examined, testified that merchants were liable to a "jam" in getting out goods, owing to the fact that there were but two general order stores, and great delay in delivery at the general order and appraiser's stores. Mr. Stewart, in 1871, had had the general order alone $10,000, being about $5,000 more than usual.

David Ogden, shipowner, testified that in 1868 the Custom House endeavored to make him pay for a month's storage on a cargo of coal before he could land it. He commenced suit and recovered. The Collector said there was no law for the charge, only Treasury instructions. Last year instructions came from Washington to the Collector that when a cargo was changed from one vessel to another he could charge half a month's storage, unless the goods were stored in Lent's warehouse. Witness was charged for the storage of goods on board his own ship. The payment of judgment obtained by witness against the Custom House was stopped by a Treasury clerk, one James, who happened to be in town. In a number of similar cases the Government pleaded the statute of limitations. The witness related a story of an American vessel sailing from Cuba coastwise, being charged tonnage fifteen times. He wrote Secretary Boutwell that the charges were illegal. Boutwell replied that Cuba was not a West India Island.

Charles J. Lewis, managing editor of the *Evening Post*, handed in a statement that the gentleman who said that there were 500 tons of personal baggage on the steamer was G. S. Hubbard, of Cambridge, Mass. He also said that he took his rival in the steamer some weeks ago to the inspector refused a present of a sovereign. Ten sovereigns he could privately. "What did you mean by offering me money in sight of everybody."

Joshua Rich knows of frauds in claims for damage to goods.

POCKET PICKED.

A messenger of the Bank of New York had his pocket picked yesterday, of eight drafts amounting to $20,000 in the office of Brown Brothers & Co. No arrests.

SHOOTING MATCH BROKEN UP.

A shooting match on Hoboken Point was broken up. Before the police interfered twenty-five birds were trapped for each contestant, Regardus & Billings, Mass. Each paid $100 as stakes to constitute the match were then frustrated.

DIED.

Henry Swasey died in the hospital yesterday from injuries he is there were supposed to have been inflicted by a policeman last Sunday.

RUSSIAN FESTIVITIES.

The Russian Christmas festivities were celebrated this morning on board the Sveitland flagship of the Russian fleet.

CAPITAL SENTENCE.

Isaac Van Wart, alias Bachhunt, the Sleepy Hollow murderer, has been sentenced to be executed at White Plains, February 15.

THE FISK-MANSFIELD LIBEL SUIT.

There were not many spectators present at the Fisk-Mansfield libel suit this morning. Fisk was not there. Miss Mansfield, who attended early, was not. Counsellor Mr. Williams, was called, and descended the witness-stand. Her cross-examination was continued. She testified that she did not go to see Fisk intending to get evidence against her servants to leave, and sought to use them against her, and said, "I do not know of a stenographer's being at my house more than once, taking notes in connection with this matter. Never asked Miss Wood to introduce me to Mr. Fisk. Made his acquaintance accidentally at her house. Did not make the acquaintance of Mrs. Fisk and George Butler, now Minister to Egypt, at Miss Wood's. Never told Miss Wood or Mr. Fisk that I was in needy circumstances. I was not. Never met Miss Wood at the American, or American Club House.

Mr. McKeon, for complainant, asked that the examination be stopped, as it was evident that some person of evil heart had furnished counsel with a list of questions calculated to insult the witness.

The opposing counsel said the question he had asked was pertinent, showing that Miss Mansfield intended at the time to blackmail Fisk; that the testimony was false, she did not care for him. Question excluded.

A number of other questions of a similar character were asked by counsel for Fisk, but were excluded. They caused Mrs. Mansfield to weep quite freely. A little sparring was indulged in by counsel, and McKeon declared that the questions put by Mr. Beach were asked for the purpose of getting them into the newspapers.

Mr. Beach: Did you show Miss Wood the silk dresses and diamonds, saying "Look, see what I have got from him! You remember when I had only one checked silk dress and no money."

McKeon objected.

Beach: Did not Miss Wood reply: "If you were smart you could make more?" and did you not reply, "I do not want to beat him too that!"

Mr. McKeon objected.

The Commissioner ruled the question out.

Mrs. Mansfield: I never intended to blackmail Mr. Fisk. My conduct did not show it. (She wiped tears from her eyes.)

Mr. Williams: Recalled. Mrs. Mansfield, was next put upon the stand. McKeon read for her the affidavit containing the so-called converse from Beecher to Mrs. Mansfield, and Stokes about blackmailing Fisk, and asked if they were true.

Mrs. Williams: They are not. I have lived with my cousin two years; was married in Boston. Mr. Stokes visited my cousin's house as any other visitor, probably three times a week. He has taken dinner there probably one month. My cousin acted as hostess. King acted as waiter on these occasions. She did not wish to tell who else took meals there, not wishing or liking to drag their names into the case. No part of the conversations in the affidavit read by McKeon is true. There were no conversations about exacting money from Fisk. When Stokes ate at my cousin's house no allusions were made regarding Fisk as to exacting money from him.

Edward S. Stokes testified that he resided at the Hoffman House; was acquainted with Mrs. Mansfield and the waiter King. There never was any conversation alluded to in the affidavit. He was

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—MONTHLY PAYMENTS—E. B. McCAGG & SON, 66 Clark-st., 3d floor. Immediate possession.

One more of those choice new 2-story cottages and lot, Burling-av., near Division-st. Only 20 cars up. Terms easy. Now is the time to secure a home before the spring rush.

One new Gothic 8-room cottage and large lot, water in, Cybenko place, near Wood-st., handsome and attractive.

One new 5-room cottage and lot, Second-st., near Lincoln; unimproved property in the world; take 4 years until paid.

One choice cottage and lot, Thirty-sixth-st., close to Indiana-av., unimproved; desirable neighborhood; worth $4,000; occupied till 5th of May.

One new 6-room cottage and lot, No. 62 Cedar-st., near Lincoln; only $1,400; cash, balance in monthly payments, or any way to suit purchaser. For all cash a great reduction. This is only 5 minutes from Illinois-st. station.

One handsome corner 2-story house and large grounds, lot, 60 Forty-first-st., delightful locality; only $8,000 cash; 4 blocks from College; Grove cars, and 6 blocks from Oakland Station. This will be advanced to $9,000 if not sold before April 1.

One choice 6-room cottage and 30-ft lot, Oakley-at., just north of Lake, east front; only $1,500 cash, $1,600 cash; balance 3 years. This is so easy and pleasant that it never comes first taken [illegible].

One 6-room cottage and 4-room finished basement, very high ceilings and very nice, on Coolidge-st., So. Lowell Ave., and Ogden-av., close to cars; good lot; only $2,000; cash, balance easy.

One nice 5-room cottage and lot, near Hubbard and Lincoln-sts., wonderful bargain; only $1,600; cash $ 600. Nice house.

One good 8-room cottage, large new barn and lot, within 1 block of paved street; barn cost $300 last summer, and would make a fine 2-story dwelling; only $2,700. This is a great sacrifice; house must have tenant.

One good 4-room cottage and lot, at Norton-st., first south of Polk, and near Centre-av.; only $1,600; cash.

We have also great bargains in houses, cottages, and lenses, with immediate possession, in very choice, desirable neighborhoods, and in effects with possession the 1st of March. Now is the good time to commence buying, while there will be such a scramble for houses in the spring. Call and examine our property.

E. B. BOWEN & SON, 16 Centre-st.

FOR SALE—BY H. C. MOREY, No. 116 WEST Madison-st.

26 lots on Lake and Franklin.

74 feet, West Madison-st., near Barry Point road, $23 per foot.

Lot 66x100, Monroe-st. near Clinton, with house, $5,000.

50x100, Adams, near Canal, and house, $6,000.

Lot 50x100, opposite High School.

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Corner Van Buren and Halsted.

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Lot 50x125 on Sedgwick, south of Division-st.

Lot 30x100 (improved) 56 West Madison-st.

Corner house and lot on South Fourth-st., near Monroe-st.

Lot 50x125, with two frame dwellings, 20 and 22 South Fourth-st.

Lot 24x125 on South Fourth-st., just south of Madison-st.

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Lots 24x125 (improved) corner of West Lake and Curtis-sts. DREW & NEWBURY,

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Indiana-av., 25 or 100 feet, north of Thirtieth-st., at a low figure.

Wabash-av., one lot near Thirtieth-st., at $125; a bargain. ABELL & HOTCHKISS, 63 Canal-st.

FOR SALE—WEST SIDE—WE HAVE SEVERAL distressed homes for sale, South Side, brick, and frame, on Park-av., Washington, Monroe, and Adams-sts., and adjacent cross streets.

A two-story basement brick, on Warren-av., $4,000.

Four-story brick, fronting Jefferson Park, $8,100.

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FOR SALE—FINE COTTAGE AND LOT, 66X180, on Indiana-av., near Twenty-sixth-st.

Four-story marble front, on Michigan-av., near Six-teenth-st.; easy terms.

Two-story and basement brick, on Twenty-sixth-st.; $7,500. ABELL & HOTCHKISS, 63 Canal-st.

FOR SALE—FINE INVESTMENT—ARNOLD-ave., near Milwaukee-av., 2-story frame house; $1,000 cash; 25 lots in Pharo's Subdivision, $125, on monthly payments. R. G. GOODWILLIE, 139 West Madison.

FOR SALE—MICHIGAN-AV., NORTH OF Thirty-sixth-st., a fine residence; 10 rooms; all modern improvements. Lot 80x189 feet. C. T HAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner of Jackson-st.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, in good condition, with lot 25x180, east front, on Calumet-av.; only $7,500; small cash payment; immediate possession; this is very near to town on the line, with lot; $4,250. PA BROWN, Real Estate Agent, 379 State-st.

FOR SALE—INDIANA-AV.—FIRST-CLASS lot, 50x125, and lot on Indiana-av. south of Twenty-second-st., or will trade for an improved property on any of the avenues. C. T HAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner of Jackson-st.

FOR SALE—COTTAGE GROVE-AV.—THREE two-story frame dwellings, with lots, each 25x130 feet, only $6,000 each.

Six 24x84 feet on Cottage Grove-av., with two-story frame or with trade for first-class residence lot. C. T HAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner of Jackson-st.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE LEASE OF LOT ON Michigan-av., south of Lake, with 3-story brick house without revaluation. C. T HAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner of Jackson-st.

FOR SALE—RUSH-ST., CORNER MICHIGAN-av., corner, 66 feet; Rush-st., 132 feet. C. T HAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner Jackson-st.

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FOR SALE—UNION-AV., 50x150 FEET; FORTY-first-st., west of Langley-av.; 74x120 feet, Forty-first-st., west of Langley-av.; $4,200. C. T. THAYER & CO., 180 Michigan-av., corner Jackson-st.

FOR SALE, WABASH-AV.—FINE HOUSE, ALL modern improvements; 9 rooms; nearly new; rent Twenty second-st. $2,500; easy terms; would exchange for good corner lot. R. G. GOODWILLIE, 139 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—COTTAGE, LOT, AND BARN, ALL in nice order, near Union Park, for $1,450, half cash. Cottage, 18x24, and kitchen, 12x16; barn, 20x24; all re-roofed, $1,150. Cottage and lot on Tyler-st., $1,600, great bargains in houses and lots all over the city. TWENTY & CO., Real Estate Agents, 139 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—TWO MARBLE FRONT HOUSES on Michigan-av., between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth-sts; all modern improvements; one 3-story brick house, 9 rooms, on Michigan-av.; lot, 26x170; rent $600; second and Twenty-fifth-sts.; also a small front house corner Twenty-first and Indiana-av.; will be sold cheap, and terms to suit. E. H. GAUDERT, Real Estate Agent, 100 Randolph-st.

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FOR SALE—VERY CHEAP—PARK-AV, SOUTH-west corner of Royce, 172x191 feet; Park-av. will be improved. Apply to owner, JOHN C. HICKEY, Jr., lawyer, Room 8, Lind Block, corner Market and Randolph-sts.

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So Globe the gloomy horrors of the "Mistletoe" are to give place to the agile and graceful Bateman Barrel, who is to begin an engagement to-morrow night, taking the leading character in "Jarrico," with the rest of the characters as previously announced. "Jarrico" is a drama of the early days of the reign of Napoleon III., founded on incidents connected with the career of the Emperor Maximilian in Mexico, and other characters, with much success, when the hero is a stranger, and, being suddenly he took the town by storm with his wonderful impersonation of *Fulstaff*, a character with which his name has always since been associated. Emboldened by this remarkable success, he was tempted to try his forepenny in tragedy, and at length essayed no less a character than *Hamlet*. On one occasion he was playing Iago to a very full house, and on the evening of St Patrick's Day. In the "play scene" in the third act the wind instruments go behind the scenes and play a march, to bring on the *King*, *Queen*, and courtiers. Paul Cheville, the clarinet player, an enthusiastic Irishman, grew very lofty in the stage business of a theatre, and was at a loss what to play for the royal party of the march from Judas Maccabeus was usually performed, accordingly he appealed to Nidds, the horn player, an old hand at the business, who, for a bit of mischief, suggested "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning." Paul was delighted at the idea, and the cue being given, lost no time in briskly striking up the above-mentioned air, in which "the gods" (where was an upper gallery then) most heartily joined. The royal party was consulted. Hamlet, in the fearful rage, said his "too solid flesh did nearly dissolve," for he was a stout *Hamlet*. Mr. Simpson and Thomas Barry, who played the courtiers, were horrified, but not quite enjoyed the fun. Nidds and Paul Cheville, the delinquents, were each fined a week's salary, which the treasurer, Mr. John Blake, returned to them in the form of a second reprimand. It was a long month to all.

THE "ROMANTICS" VS. THE "REALISTICS."

The Boston correspondent of the New York *World* writes the following: "On the first night of the season's 'Hamlet' there was a hot dispute in the lobby of the Boston Theatre between critics on this very question. It was maintained by the romantic school of admirers that Booth had copied the 'business' from Fetcher, while the realistic school as firmly insisted that he had always held up the cross as he followed his spirit out; others asserting that it was formerly his habit to trail it after him. I suddenly struck me that I would go and ask Booth himself about it. I found him after the third act in his elegant dressing-room. He was sitting before a mirror, and, with a pencil, was touching up his eyebrows. I asked him the question. He replied that he had always held up the cross as he followed his spirit out; that it was formerly his habit to trail it after him, but

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WORSE THAN THE FIRE.

It is just possible that the loss by the fire of 1871 is to be supplemented by another of even greater magnitude. The "energy" which has, in the face of wind and weather, erected so many large buildings within the 90 days following the fire, is probably to prove, in many instances, more costly to the city than the original destruction. We are doing no injustice to any one in saying that a majority of the so-called brick buildings erected in the burned district since the fire are disgraceful in every sense to architects, builders, and owners. The architects, as a class, seem to have become more trashy, more flashy, and more reckless than even they were before the fire; builders seem to have less pride in their work, less care of consequences, and to be more disposed to get the most money for the least and poorest work; and the owners seem, more than ever, to put their property in the weakest shells, and to take the risk of setting out to insurance companies at regular intervals. All this is not only discreditable to the parties concerned, but is likely to prove a permanent and expensive injury to the city. Before the fire we were known to those who had investigated our condition as a city two-thirds built of pine, and of the remainder a large portion insecure, unsubstantial, though highly-ornamented fire-traps. On account of that we paid for insurance largely in excess of what was required in any other city of equal size. We made responsible insurance companies wary of taking large risks, and invited hither every irresponsible and shallaway company in the United States. The fire came, and we mourn not only the destruction of the property, but the loss of about $30,000,000 of insurance, for which we had yearly paid a most onerous tax. Bad as was this condition, the prospect for the future is even worse. What was comparatively permanent and ordinarily durable has been destroyed, and in its place are going up buildings that would disgrace a rude village on the frontiers of civilization. We need not particularize. No person can walk through the burnt district without witnessing the almost irreparable injury which is done to the city by the class of buildings now going up and intended to be permanent. Without wishing any loss or injury to individuals, we must say that it would be better that most of these structures should fall or be blown down before spring. The city would be the gainer eventually, if a storm were to level these monuments of architectural recklessness, and of the avarice of the man who, to save 10 or 15 per cent in the first cost, put up buildings that would not be tolerated in any other city in any civilized nation. Even the semi-civilized Indians of New Mexico, when they put up an adobe building, dare not offend common sense by making them over ten feet high; while here in Chicago we are building warehouses and stores three, four, five, and six stories high, of materials worse, under the circumstances, than adobe, and of proportions violating every rule of safety and security.

An architect, who would have the courage, or, even better, the honesty—to refuse to plan, or be responsible for the erection of, these disgraceful and dangerous buildings, coming to Chicago might be unpopular among a certain class of mean and avaricious owners and reckless builders, but in time would win the confidence of the intelligent, and confer a lasting blessing on this city.

The City Government of Chicago has been, since the fire, in a condition of paralysis upon the subject of rebuilding. The old Council, dishonest and corrupt beyond redemption, passed an act extending the fire limits, which has been a dead letter since its passage. The buildings put up with and without the consent of the Board of Public Works within the limits prescribed by the ordinance, have been not only unlawful, but those nominally called brick are, in some cases, more dangerous and disgraceful than even the wooden ones. This cowardice, or the ignorance of the Board of Public Works in this particular, has been discreditable to the Board and injurious to the city. We have gained by their irresolution or their weak pandering to the selfishness of owners, the reputation of a lawless people, who openly disregard public regulations, and whose authorities are too cowardly to attempt to execute the commonest precautions for public safety. The result is, that we have to pay excessive rates of insurance. A number of first-class companies have already withdrawn, and others are contemplating withdrawal. The removal of these companies from Chicago will throw the whole business into the hands of the gambling class of insurance companies, which, while demanding exorbitant rates, will pay nothing when the inevitable loss happens. They know that a loss by fire is certain, and they prepare to reap the harvest from the fools and depart when the day of settlement comes.

Merchants doing business in Chicago will find the increased risk of fire added to the cost of their purchases; the increased rate of insurance being added to their rents and to the cost of their goods, will have the effect of making all kinds of merchandise in Chicago from 3 to 6 per cent higher than the same goods can be had in any other Western city. This fact has already hurt our wholesale business; but the fall sweep of the desolation will fall upon us when we begin to occupy the miserable shells now in course of erection. We are now destroying what the fire left us. We are building straw habitations. What we want is the exercise of authority to enforce the laws by the absolute prohibition of all unsafe buildings built of brick or stone, and the equally stern prohibition of any wooden structure for any purpose within the city limits. We want the enforcement of the law as it now exists. It is cruelty to permit men to build wooden houses if they are to be torn down, and it is criminal to permit them to build such houses, to the injury and eventual destruction of the city. A first-class vigorous execution of the law, now and henceforth, would save this city many millions of dollars annually for years to come.

We suggest that there be a public meeting held without delay, of the merchants of this city, to take action on this matter. They are deeply interested. They are not only interested in the strength of the buildings they occupy, but in the character of all the adjoining property. Upon them and the wholesale trade of this city will fall the additional cost and expense incidental to a miserably-built city, and one exposed to repeated conflagrations. Let them, as a body, present this matter to the Council, and see if there be any firmness or resolution in that body.

THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVEMENT.

The movement for the establishment of a Free Public Library in this city, which has been agitated heretofore only in the public journals, at last begins to take shape, a public meeting having been called for Monday evening, at the Plymouth Church, at which the Mayor, in virtue of his office, is expected to preside. The meeting is not called in the interests of any association, but in the interests of the citizens at large, who are directly concerned in its establishment. It is to be hoped that the attendance will be large, and that there will be a free and general discussion as to the best method of laying the permanent foundations of this library. There never was a more auspicious time than the present for the commencement of this enterprise. It should be a part and parcel of the growth of the new city. All that is necessary is to make the start, so that the public and those inclined to aid the undertaking may feel that the library is not a mere suggestion, or a paper project, but a tangible reality, with definite form and shape to it, and it will grow faster than we know. The English contributions and other material elsewhere are awaiting our action, and will at once be forwarded here so soon as a place is ready to receive them. It is hardly possible that more than a temporary arrangement can be made the first year; but even this will be a great work accomplished. It would, perhaps, be unwise to do more at present, as the details of the library should be established with great care. But a place for the reception of the books must be made at once, and for this purpose the city should rent a proper room, if the charter allows it, and, if not, that permission should be granted by legislation. Having done this, the Council should appoint trustworthy citizens to act as Trustees, without remuneration, as in the case of the Boston Public Library, who may appoint a Superintendent, assistants, and janitor, the only necessarily salaried persons, to be entrusted with the care of the books. This will give a basis for action hereafter, and make the library a fixed fact. Of the inestimable benefits of such a library with its books free to every citizen, no one can entertain a doubt; and it is as a great public blessing that our citizens should consider it to-morrow evening, and give to it their best judgment, that its advantages may not be frittered away or misused. We hope that they will not deem it a matter of small moment, but one the influences of which will reach beyond our time, and affect the future of Chicago by determining its intellectual character. The material is at hand, the time is auspicious, and all that is necessary now is to make a beginning, that people everywhere may know that the Free Public Library of Chicago is an accomplished fact.

THE METHODIST CHURCH AND POLITICS.

The current movements for securing political reforms and punishing official frauds have, by virtue of the energy with which they are conducted, and the success which crowns that conduct, agitated the entire moral atmosphere, and created demands for reform in new and unexpected quarters. All signs portend that an investigation will soon be made in the Methodist Church, to see how far the clergy of that denomination are interesting themselves in politics, and using their pulpit influences for the purpose of elevating men of that denomination to political places. We are loth to believe that such a charge can lie against the Methodist Church as a whole, which has long been eminent for its piety, its close relations to the common people, and its missionary zeal; but it was among the Jews themselves that Christ drove the money-changers from the Temple. Recent unfortunate developments of denominational interference in politics, in connection with the Senatorial canvass in Iowa, one of the participants in which is Mr. Harlan,—himself a Methodist, and a clergyman at one time,—have brought this matter so prominently before the public, and caused so much scandal, especially as Mr. Harlan, notwithstanding his letters of explanation, has not yet cleared up his Indian reputation, that the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, one of the ablest Church organs in this country, has thought it time to whistle down brakes and stop the train for examination. Its demands for an investigation are made in no uncertain manner, and will be endorsed by every honest member of that Church throughout the land; for the Church, like Cæsar's wife, must be above suspicion. Its best efforts will be void while it rests under the cloud of this grave charge, and this Church, of all Churches, cannot afford to stand still. It must clear its reputation immediately. If the imputation is unfounded, the Church cannot be harmed by the investigation; if otherwise, the noxious branches must be lopped off the tree—the political money-changers driven out of its temple.

Just now there is an excellent opportunity to test the temper of the Church on this subject. Rev. Dr. Newman, the pastor of the Metropolitan Church at Washington, and the Chaplain of the Senate, who has several times been accused of improperly mixing religion and politics, and turning one to the account of the other,—whether rightfully so accused or not it is not for us to say,—has already been in Washington as long as the itinerary rules of the Church allow him to stay, and two years longer, if we are not mistaken. Dr. Newman has found that his lines are cast in pleasant places, and, naturally enough, wants to stay another two years. The President, Chief Justice Chase, and many Methodist Senators are also desirous that he should remain there, and have sent in a petition to that effect to the Conference which has the disposition of Dr. Newman. The world, outside of that denomination, and, undoubtedly, many within the denomination, will watch with interest to see whether the Conference will reverse its usual manner of proceeding, and, at the same time, continue a scandal for two years longer, by allowing Dr. Newman to remain in Washington, exposed to Congressional temptations, or whether it will vindicate itself by using its privilege to send him elsewhere. If Dr. Newman were a poor brother in the wilds of Minnesota, with a salary of three hundred dollars, payable in onions and cord-wood, with nine small children, which is usually the domestic condition of small-salaried Methodist clergymen, there is no doubt what the action of his Conference would be. He would at once be allowed to take his staff, his nine small children, and his wife, and, with his library in his pocket, seek new pastures and tend new sheep. This course of action, however, cannot be predicated in the case of Dr. Newman. At the same time, if the Conference shall remove Dr. Newman and appoint a new man in his place,—one of the poor salaried men, for instance,—the country at large will see in their action a determination to raise the Church above suspicion. If it suffers him to remain in Washington another two years, the country at large will be very apt to declare that his presence in Washington is a political necessity.

A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS.

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ECCLESIASTICAL BODY-SNATCHING.

Perhaps Pennsylvania Catholics flatter themselves that they have on hand the gravest ecclesiastico-civil controversy now current, viz.: the three-cornered difficulty between Bishop O'Hara, Judge Gamble, and Father Stack. But they must certainly strike their colors to New Jersey in this amiable contest for pre-eminence; for in another wise quiet New Jersey town a priest of the same Church, as party of the first part, and his congregation and a grand jury, as party of the second part, have a dispute in progress, which, if carried out in its present direction, promises to raise an unprecedentedly bad odor throughout the community. The facts are: A member of the priest's flock died, and was buried in his own lot in the Church burial-ground. It seems, however, that there was a certain encumbrance upon the soul of the deceased, for which the priest levied, as by foreclosure, upon the body. That is, he caused the corpse to be removed by night to a place outside the sacred enclosure. This resurrection led at once to an insurrection, and a goodly party of the friends of the widow rallied soon after and re-resurrected the disputed *corpus*. To be strictly technical, as is, of course, desirable in stating a case like this, we might say that they served a *we habeas corpus* upon the priest.

The next move of the shepherd was to expel the unruly sheep from his flock. This only increased the clamor, and, the next the priest knew, he and his abettors were indicted by a profane Grand Jury as resurrectionists; and his Reverence, in turn, not content with launching the curse of Rome against his adversaries, has appealed to the courts of the ungodly for damages in a suit for trespass. Of course, cross suits, collateral suits, appeals, injunctions, stays of proceedings, etc., *ad libitum*, are liable to come out of all this, and the dispute thus prolonged indefinitely. As a semi-legal, semi-ecclesiastical dispute, it is perhaps one of the most promising of the large crop which is nowadays blossoming out here and, there; but, as a chronic and aggravated case of body-snatching, it is one of the fouiest we have ever heard of. It is to be expected that the reverend father will continue to vindicate the majesty and authority of the Church by digging up the bones of the dead man as long as they hold together; while the friends of the widow will doubtless be equally diligent in chucking their friend's remains back into the disputed territory, in order to keep on their side the advantages which, in a legal quarrel, belong to possession. Also, perhaps, the lamented brother will be expected to appear in court at each hearing, in the capacity of stolen property, by which to prove the parson's offence. In which case, his offence will become, like that of Hamlet's uncle, very rank before many months. If there was a time when the law might properly be in a hurry, it would seem to be now, in order that these various suits may be got on the docket, and the *resgesta* peacefully settled under ground.

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 4th instant contains an article on mastodon remains in Missouri, in which it is stated that Dr. Albert C. Koch, some years since, discovered the skeleton of a *Mastodon Giganteus*, the greater portion of the bones having been more or less burned by fire, and that the fire had not been an accidental one, but had been kindled by human agency. We trust that it will not disturb the equanimity of St. Louis to know that we are again ahead, and that we had in our museum the skeleton of a *Zeuglodon Macrospondylus*, unearthed by this same Dr. Koch, which was entirely destroyed by fire on the night of Oct. 8, and that the fire was kindled by the agency of a cow.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Collector of Customs at this port to advertise the proposed sale of the public ground on the 24 Block in the ground reserved, that on which the old Post Office was situated, such proposals to be made by the owners of each block separately. This proceeding does not estop the Secretary from condemning the remainder of the existing Post Office square, but may have the effect to establish the true value of that square, by showing at what price the owners of adjacent property are willing to sell.

The Baptist denomination in Alabama is just now under a cloud. A correspondent of an Eastern religious paper, writing from there, says: "The truth might as well be told here. If the Lord's cause, so far as it rests for support on the Baptists of Alabama, could only obtain the money they spend for tobacco, all our benevolent objects and missionary enterprises would prosper." Since King James issued his "Counterblast," it has been the constant practice of the various religious denominations to periodically inveigh against the use of tobacco as a vice and a filthy habit, a luxury, teaches us the brevity of life and the vanity of earthly things. We emphatically protest against the advice of this correspondent. We do not believe the two modes of investment to be incompatible with each other, and this attempt to curtail the little luxuries of life should be frowned down by every smoking Christian, chewing brother, and snuffing sister. Some of the best Christians we have ever known have been ardent lovers of the weed, and one of the most persistent snuffers in our recollection was regarded by all who knew her as a model mother in Israel. We are not aware that any other denomination in Alabama finds its treasury growing emptier for the use of tobacco, and it is well known that the Baptists are the poorest of all denominational tobacco-users, as far as quantity is concerned. Both the Methodists and Roman Catholics, the leading denominations of the South, are among the heaviest consumers of the fragrant narcotic, and their benevolent objects and missionary enterprises are flourishing. If the truth could be known, it would be found that the low state of Baptist grace in Alabama is not due either to Partagas, Old Dominion, or Maccaboy, which are aids to meditation, but to some essential spiritual deficit; and, under these circumstances, we have little doubt that this correspondent's advice will end where the tobacco ends—in smoke.

The disciples of Herbert Spencer will look with dislike at one of the recommendations of Governor Geary, of Pennsylvania, in his message to the Legislature. He takes strong ground for compulsory vaccination, closing his remarks on the subject by the statement that "The necessity for a compulsory vaccination law, and its utility, are demonstrated by unanswerable statistics." The increase of the disease is certainly alarming. In Philadelphia, in the last six months, it has caused 1,979 deaths. In London, the deaths caused by it, averaging 600 for the last thirty-one years, rose during the past twelve months to *eight thousand*. Certainly something ought to be done to check it; but it is doubtful whether governmental interference will further that aim. The proposed measure is one of those well-intended laws, designed to take care of people's private concerns, which invariably fail to be enforced. There is no law now in existence which could be more easily evaded than this. It would not be difficult to carry out its provisions in the case of schoolchildren, hospital patients, residents of asylums, public laborers, and, in fact, the recipients of any public aid, by making their vaccination a *sine qua non* to their receipt of any more such advantages. But how could the great mass of law-breakers be detected? Pennsylvania can scarcely require her citizens to deliberately imitate the unfortunate woman who accidentally applied some vaccine matter to her nose, where it "took beautifully." The cow-pox is probably a very good thing to have, but we don't want the mark of the beast on our foreheads in this world. We fear that the proposed enactment will do more harm than good. The world has pretty generally abandoned the project of making people more religious by law, and making them wiser is a matter of equal difficulty. Let them learn by experience; see to it that every one knows the benefits of the remedy, and has a chance to try it; and, in a few years, vaccination will be more universal than any compulsory law will make it.

There can be no question that Mr. Bergh, the New York humanitarian, has accomplished a great and good work in his determined efforts to prevent cruelty to animals, and that, if the dumb brutes were capable of expressing gratitude, Mr. Bergh would be the most numerously-thanked man in the world, and that thousands and millions of ghosts of overworked horses and tortured cattle would rise up and call him blessed. But, in adopting his humanitarian career as the business of his life, there is the same tendency to overdo that there is in any other pursuit after it has become a mania. It was only recently that Mr. Bergh visited the menagerie of Mr. Barnum, and became convinced that it was a cruelty to the lions to keep him chained. He therefore demanded his release from durance, to which Mr. Barnum consented; whereupon the melancholy brute commenced a massacre of the innocents. Commencing with the macaws and cockatoos, as appetisers, he rapidly ate his way through the Happy Family, and was beginning to feast on the hump of the camel, when Mr. Bergh, seeing that he might become liable for the value of Mr. Barnum's entire establishment, consented that the beast should again be chained, and content himself with laughing as heretofore, instead of slaughtering his comrades in the menagerie. Mr. Bergh has now interfered with the pigeon shooting of the New York clubs,—not without a protest on their part, however, which will bring the matter into the courts, and settle the right of Mr. Bergh to interfere with sporting, which has always been considered a legitimate source of amusement, since the days when Samson caught foxes by the tail. It seems to us that, in this case, Mr. Bergh has let his zeal run away with him.

The steady decrease in the number of college graduates who study for the ministry is a topic of discussion among the religious journals. The main reason that the salary of the average preacher is ridiculously small is, that there have always been heretofore men of culture who were short-sighted enough to think it their duty, for the glory of God and the first church at ——, to obligate their sons and children and themselves to play the shabby-genteel rôle through life. Just as soon as close-fisted laymen realize the fact that they cannot get a good minister without paying a good salary, salaries will rise. The semi-fanatical religious enthusiasm which used to hurry so many Alumni into theological seminaries is thoroughly crushed out now by the compulsory Christianity of our college chapels, and at graduation young men look coolly and calmly at the future, and are far less apt to plunge into a profession where they must serve two very different masters,—God and the parish, and get very poor wages from the latter. Every newspaper shows that we acknowledge the shamefulness of our ministers' salaries. Tailors, shoemakers, and hatters advertise to serve them at 10 per cent reduction, railroads pass them at half-fare, and their loving congregations, last and least, give them donation parties. These libels on charity have been growing worse and worse, but the *Observer* cites an account of one which we can hardly credit. All the gifts, it is stated, were marked with such prices as the donors pleased to put upon them, and the aggregate of these amounts was deducted from the pastor's salary, so that it isn't easy to see where the donations came in. Among these forced sales to the poor minister was a little package of pepper valued at *two cents*! So also two fans were charged at one half-dime each! The man who tamely submits to such impertinence dishonors his Master and himself, and every such recorded instance tends to keep out of theology the men whom theology most needs.

Mexico, not having any money with which to pay her Custom-House officials and Revenue-Collectors, cannot very well assess them for political purposes, and is hence driven to fresh fields and pastures new. For the maintenance of her cherished liberties, a large army is essential; and, for the maintenance of the army, regular pay is essential. There is where her politicians find their theatre for action. In one particular they are much more unfair than our scrupulous campaign committees, which bleed high and low alike. In our sister Republic it is only the private soldiers who are "taxed." The officers go scot-free. The reason for this may be found, perhaps, in the fact that these gentlemen act as Assessors. Hitherto money has been raised only for strictly political purposes; but the recent serenade to Murphy in New York, which was paid for, according to Horace Greeley's testimony, by a tax of 2 per cent on the Custom-House officials, seems to have fired the Mexican heart. Mejia, Secretary of War, was sadly in need of a fine coach. Curiously enough, Mejia's subordinates at the Capital became acquainted with the wish. Nothing easier. They stopped the pay of all the soldiers near the city for one day, and, with the proceeds, bought the desired vehicle. The lesson has evidently been learned well. They have outstripped their tutors.

It was long an article of British faith that one Englishman could whip three Frenchmen. A rude old rhyme declares:

> Three Frenchmen could never stand
> Before a lusty Englishman.

But, if each John Bull counted himself worth three of Jean Crapaud, this is as nothing with the lately-published schedule of the value of German soldiers in Bismarck's eyes, as compared with Frenchmen. Here it is:

> For every German private soldier murdered, 2 healthy Frenchmen.
> For every German non-commissioned officer murdered, 3 healthy Frenchmen.
> For every German Lieutenant murdered, 6 healthy Frenchmen.
> For every German Captain murdered, 9 healthy Frenchmen.
> For every German Colonel murdered, 12 healthy Frenchmen.
> For every German General murdered, 1 French province and 3 healthy Frenchmen.

Bismarck will be too expensive an amusement for France hereafter. The Jardin Mabille will be cheaper and safer, and the daring patriotism which has been finding vent in the assassination of unarmed men must now spend itself in more harmless dissipation.

The Presidents of the different State Catholic Total Abstinence Unions (six in number) have united in an address to all the Catholic Total Abstinence Societies throughout the country, asking them to send delegates to a convention at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 29, 1872, to take measures to establish a National Catholic Total Abstinence Union. If the measure is vigorously entered into, there is no doubt that great good may result. It would be a sign of a more truly catholic spirit if the Church were not bound up with the project. Let Rome bring to bear her promised rewards and threatened punishments, if she can; this make its benefits to the supporters of Pius IX. There are enough littlenesses to be found among Protestant denominations; but, in a matter such as this, there usually is little sectarianism displayed. The churches work together. Even your Close-Communion Baptist, who thinks his fellowman is lost forever unless he drowns himself in baptismal water, believes in his quicker damnation if he drowns himself in fire-water, and works for the good cause of Abstinence with anybody.

The latest victim to the fascination of Africa is said to be Sir Samuel White Baker. He was the discover of the Albert N'Yanza, and nearly lost his life in that journey. His wife and himself were the only survivors of the party. At the time of his reported death, he was exploring the wilds of Central Africa. The truth of the report is, of course, very doubtful. Any man who goes to Central Africa, and comes back, can read his own obituary. Meanwhile, the Royal Geographical Society of England is busily engaged in maturing plans for the relief of Dr. Livingstone. Native messengers are to be sent into the country, and, if they fail to find him, a regular expedition is to be organized. The reports concerning him are of the most conflicting character. According to one, he wounded himself in the thigh while hunting buffalo, and is now sick; according to another, he was murdered outright some time ago; while some sapient individual gravely announces that he has adopted the customs and religion of the natives, and has become the chief of a tribe!

The London *Court Journal*, probably with some faint recollection of one of Leech's lectures published in *Punch* years ago, gravely informs its readers that, "In the Western States of America, an instrument called a 'nose-warmer' is in large request. It is a sort of extinguisher, or nose-muff, lined with fur, which, when once it is hoisted, is, if not exactly decorous, yet at any rate warm and comfortable." This statement is suggested by its mention of the fact that a London tradesman has invented a "nose-shaper." He claims for it that, "if applied to the nose for an hour daily, it so directs the soft cartilage of which the member consists," that the ugliest nose in creation is rendered beautiful. The younger the subject, the finer the result. If the invention turns out to be a success, we may expect to see the rising generation faultless in their nasal organism, and can look forward hopefully to an era of universal beauty in the future; for, if one feature can be permanently beautified, why not all?

In New York City, a certain knave, or fool, by the name of Flint, advertises to deliver letters to any spirit whatever, and, more than that, to forward truthful replies from the unseen world to the anxious inquirer. The postage is only two dollars; which, considering the prevalent rates on earth, and the distance that Flint must be from heaven, is very cheap. He may, however, expect to find most of his spiritual customers outside of heaven, and will probably not be deceived.

James Fisk, Jr., was shot, yesterday afternoon, by Stokes, his successor in the affections of Mrs. Mansfield, and is not expected to recover from his wounds. Nemesis has come at last and claimed her own. Fisk's career is open, unblushing debauchery and corruption is fitly closed by a death at the hands of a rival profligate, on account of a worse than worthless woman.

Mrs. Laura D. Fair, according to a San Francisco despatch, still lives. She not only lives, but expects indefinitely to prolong her existence, despite the peremptory legal sentence now hanging over her. The event that led to the report of her sudden taking off was the death of Elisha Cook, her principal counsel, who departed this life during the last hour of the year just past.

The Chamber of Commerce Fire-Relief Fund, in New York, amounts now to one million fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars and forty cents.

REAL ESTATE.

The Location of the Government Buildings Still Involved in Doubt.

The Object of Secretary Boutwell's Instructions to the Collector.

The Westward Movement of Business Houses.

The North Side---Cheap Building Materials.

Real Estate Market and Transfers.

The future location of the government buildings in this city continues to be the subject of most immediate interest in connection with values of real estate in the "burnt district." There has undoubtedly been a good deal of "wire-pulling" in the attempts both to keep the site where it is now and to secure the selection of a new one further west. The net result of these schemes, as near as we can learn, has been, thus far, only to make a muddle. It is a proverb among financiers and men of large enterprise, that there is always less money and less systematic design employed by cliques and "rings" in their schemes than the public believe. There may be a good many working together for what appears to be the common end, but each seeks to divert everything to serve his individual interest, and the general result turns out something different from what was intended. This may be the case with the location of the government buildings in this city.

The excessive demands of the owners of the ground in the block which embraces the present site of the Custom House have obliged the Secretary of the Treasury to resort to condemnation. He has, therefore, directed District Attorney Glover, in this city, to investigate the case, and forward to him a statement of what legal steps are necessary to the condemnation of the block, so as to give the Government possession of it. It is evident that the Secretary intends to resort to all the expedients allowed by the act to obtain the remainder of that block at a fair price. One of the expedients is the call for bids from owners of other blocks within the specified limits. The first object of this undesirability is to arrive at the real values of property, in order to see what is a fair price for property in the specified district. Any owners of all the ground within the district are thus called upon to put a value on their property. The result of this will probably be to bring the Post Office square and between Eighteenth street and the South Branch during the next year.

In other quarters of the city, there is a fair business demand for property, and particularly for ground in the business quarter. There can be no doubt to any unprejudiced observer that the values of ground in the heart of the business district are being equalized to a greater extent than finny are willing to admit.

The Eisdley (Opera House) property has just been sold by Mr. T. B. Bryan to Messrs. J. A. Hamlin & Brother for $130,000. The lot has 40 feet front on Clark street, by 86 feet deep, and 120 feet north front on "Court Place." On the latter, two thirds is 100 feet deep, and one-third 80 feet deep. All the lots run each other, and include the site of the former Opera House. The purchasers propose to build on it to suit the business of any parties who may desire long leases.

CITY PROPERTY.

Total amount of city and suburban property for the week ending January 6—City property, number of sales, 18; consideration, $49,100. North of city limits, number of sales, 1; consideration, $1,000. South of city limits, number of sales, 4; consideration, $130,000. West of city limits, number of sales, 1; consideration, $2,500.

Instruments filed for record on Saturday, Jan. 6:

Sub-Lot 4, in Assessor's Division of Lots 17, 18, and 19, in Block 18, School Section Addition, dated Jan. 4; consideration, $6,000.

West Sixteenth st, s of Paulina st, e f, 24x100 ft, dated Dec. 11, 1871; consideration, $500.

Shortsheffav, n of Thirty third st, w f, 25x125 ft; dated Jan. 3; consideration, $750.

Wentworth av, between Robbins and Oak sts, e f, 25x125 ft, dated Jan. 5; consideration, $1,000.

Wabash av, between Leavitt and Hoyne sts, n f, 24x124 ft, dated Nov. 25, 1871; consideration, $1,000.

Rutherst, between Madison and Monroe sts, e f, 22 3125 ft, dated Dec. 30, 1871; consideration, $6,700.

Buck's Brewery Co. conveys to John A. Huck the entire property known as Huck's Brewery, dated Jan. 1; consideration, $1.

Third av, between Polk and Taylor sts, e f, 25x100 ft, dated Dec. 1, 1871; consideration, $6,000.

Foster Palmer conveys to the Singer Manufacturing Co., 102x150 ft on ne corner of State and Washington sts, dated Jan. 2; consideration, $10,000.

Lots 12 and 13 in Block 3 of e ½ Section, 31, 39, 14, dated Jan. 6; consideration, $1,000.

Fifteenth av, between Archer av and Thirty first st, w f, 24x124 ft, dated Jan. 6; consideration, $500.

Lots 6 and 7 in Block 2 of David Lee's Addition, dated Nov. 14, 1871; consideration, $1,500.

Fifth av, between Madison and Monroe sts, w f, 40 ft running to alley, dated Dec. 15, 1871; consideration, $31,666.

Fifth av, between Madison and Monroe sts, w f, 40 ft running to alley, dated Dec. 2, 1871; consideration, $31,666.

Lock st, south of Archer av, e f, 24x124 ft, dated Dec. 28, 1871; consideration, $600.

Wabash av, 125 ft north of Twenty second st, e f, 25x120 ft, dated Nov. 16, 1871; consideration, $1,000.

24 Lots in 2 10 of 2 15 acres of ¼ of ¼ of Sec. 14 36, 13, dated Dec. 1, 1871; consideration, $8,400.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Ryan av, 70 ft West of Cottage Grove av, n f, 22x171 ft, dated Dec. 30, 1871; consideration, $4,000.

A Genuine Souvenir of the Fire.

Holmes said that if the whole world were burned up, and all humanity reduced to a common level of respectability, fortunes would be made in a year out of the trade in potash. When Chicago was destroyed, and nothing but ruins threatened to be her principal exports, many derived a considerable revenue from a judicious sale of relics,—wholesale and retail. From the piles of rubbish that are to make a foundation for a rockery in front of the house, down to the blackened watch chains and rings sold on the streets, every one wanted a relic of the greatest fire in the most marvellous city in the world. When the old Court House fell—and the general wish was to capture a fragment of the bell for a *souvenir*, and many visited the ruins long before they were cool, to procure such a fragment. The old bell, however, was a monster, and to carry away any portion of it required superhuman strength. It was thus, fortunately, saved almost in its entirety by the city, whose intention it was to have it recast and replaced in the new Court House as a municipal relic. Mr. Thomas E. Bryan, however, purchased it from the city, but found it more than he could manage. After disposing of a few ounces he sold it again. The purchasers were the enterprising young firm of H. S. Eversole & Co., composed of Mr. Eversole hart, B. H. Campbell, Jr., and William Alcott, who have made extensive arrangements to have a "souvenir" ready, even as far as the most charity which relieved our severest suffering. They have determined to manufacture little charm bells for the watch-chain, finished with all the beauty that human skill can ensure, each tiny duplicate of the giant bell of the city to tell its own tale with its own tongue. Their agents for Europe and the East are the celebrated jewellers of New York, Ball, Black & Co. Messrs. Everhart & Co. will open an office themselves in this city, at No. 240 Wabash avenue, accompanying every bell will be a certificate from the Board of Public Works of the sale of the original, while to agents a large photograph of the ruined Court House will be sent for the window.

WHAT THEY WILL DO ABOUT IT

Another Session of the Democratic Central Committee.

Mark Sheridan Refuses to Turn Over the Funds in His Hands to His Successor.

The Committee's Money to be Used for the Prosecution of the Tammany Aldermen, Whether the Republicans Co-operate or Not.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Democratic Central Committee met yesterday afternoon at No. 712 West Madison street. There were present St. Clair Sutherland, John R. Walsh, Colonel D. Baldwin, J. A. Daniels, W. Bellinghauser, William Gardner, and John R. Walsh. Mark Sheridan, Samuel Douglas, and Redmond Sheridan, were absent. Mr. Sutherland presided.

A communication was received from S. Douglas authorizing Colonel Baldwin to cast his vote in favor of the money being drawn from the treasury for the purpose of purifying the municipal and county affairs.

The communication was placed on file.

THE RECALCITRANT SHERIDANS.

Mr. Bellinghauser presented the following report:

To the Democratic Central Committee:

In pursuance of the resolution of said committee of January 4, 1872, I presented to Mr. Mark Sheridan, late Treasurer of said committee, the order of said committee, and called upon him for his report.

To Mark Sheridan, Esq.: Whereas, by vote of the Democratic Central Committee, William Bross was elected Treasurer of the Democratic Central Committee, you will pay over to him any and all funds at present in your hands belonging to said committee.

ST. CLAIR SUTHERLAND, President.
JOHN G. GARRICK, Secretary.

with which he did not comply, informing me that he would take the matter under advisement, but declined to fix any time at which he would give a definite answer in relation to the same.

W. BELLINGHAUSER.

It was placed on file.

Mr. Daniels said he thought all the procedure necessary was to order the bank to place the money at the disposal of Mr. Bellinghauser.

Mr. Gardner moved that the Chairman and Treasurer be appointed a committee to employ counsel and take legal steps to compel Mr. Sheridan to pay over the money, as they might deem necessary.

Colonel Baldwin said if a request was sent to Mr. Coolbaugh, signed by the Committee, they could get the money.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Organization for the Second Presbyterian Church Authorities.

The Rebuilding of the New England Congregational Church.

Annual Meeting of the Chicago Unitarian Conference.

Programme of Services in the Churches To-Day.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Many, perhaps a majority, of the members of the Second Presbyterian Church and congregation have very heavily by the fire. In the aggregate the amount would be told in thousands of thousands, perhaps millions. But the church itself seems to have been specially favored: for, if the insurance on the old church edifice can be collected, or even considerable part of it, its finances must be in a highly prosperous condition. They have the means, if they only have the disposition, to help most effectively the poorer churches of the city.

Our older citizens will remember that the church removed into its new edifice, corner of Washington street and Wabash avenue, some time in 1858. The lot was purchased for [illegible]. Business kept steadily crowding toward it, till by a vote of the congregation the lot was sold within the last few months for $160,000. Following the wise example of the Methodists as set by the use they made of their lot at the corner of Clark and Washington streets, a proposition was discussed in the meeting of the congregation, a year ago, to build a business block on the Church lot, with a large audience-room for a church, offices for the *Interior* newspaper, and other Presbyterian purposes, for the use of the denomination in the Northwest. While the main floor, basement, and other portions of the block would rent for a large sum, they could be applied to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the Church. This proposition was defeated by a vote of fifteen to twenty-one. The matter is now consolidated with the Olivet [illegible], and became incorporated with it the week before the fire. The intention at the present time is to worship in the Olivet building till the congregation could expend the insurance which the rise of their property had placed at their disposal in a magnificent building on the corner of Twenty-third street and Wabash avenue. Had the city remained wealthy and prosperous, the general public would have thought the project an expenditure of money. But they will now ask, would not such extravagance be economy, not to say wicked? Would it not be in imitation of the fashionable belle, who, though her friends are reduced to poverty, sports her gold and satins, diamonds and laces, to the disgust of all sensible people? In her prosperity she could be tolerated; in her poverty they are disgusting. True, the Second Church is not poor, but several of her sister churches are, and really need the bounty which she is so abundantly able to bestow.

This outside people and many Christian men understand the case about as follows: The Olivet Presbyterian Church edifice is well built; it is large enough for a prosperous society. It will look better if the outside had a coat of paint, as we believe, was originally intended, and that of the Olivet be all paid, and the church will still have $100,000 or more, and the Second Church, with its new edifice free from debt. Christian public have a right to ask whether we would not be more in accordance with the principles of our holy religion to divide this large sum with Professor Swing and Mr. Mitchell's churches, which were entirely burned out, and with the poor struggling Presbyterian Churches, in the more scattered portions of the city, than to squander it on some magnificent structure, where, upon satin cushions, their wealthy members could recline in festering pride, and rot in sloth and elegance? But, no doubt, Satan will suggest to these good people, whose treasury is so full, that they have no [illegible] for prayer, who have not been content with merely rushing into business without regard to either the convenience or comfort of their patrons, but have done everything in their power to [illegible] Trade, determined to have something besides a "one-horse" concern if it took all summer. They have succeeded splendidly, and are now in the [illegible] to bid welcome to both old and new patrons. Another good idea of theirs—they will redeem all bath and shaving tickets issued by them before the fire. The Pettibone deserve success for the enterprise and good taste which they have manifested.

The Grand Duke,

having an eye to comfort, knew that, in order to enjoy a buffalo hunt on the Plains, it would be well to get a pair of Harkins' Best before he started. Harkins is one of the oldest and most reliable boot and shoe dealer in Chicago. Now at 211 State street, opposite Burlington Hall, and 244 Randolph street, corner of May, formerly 82 Clark street, opposite the Court House. He sells good goods at low figures.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Watch No. 1,124, Stem-Winder, bearing trade mark "Frederic Atherton & Co., Marion, N. J.," manufactured by the United States Watch Co. (Gilbert, Wales & Co.), has been carried by me seven months, its total variation from mean time being only six seconds.—*A. L. Dennis, President N. J. R. R. & T. Co.*

Hydrokosia Cures Catarrh—The Striking advantages of this plan of medication exhibit themselves in the prompt and immediate benefit which follows. No "snuffs," no "caustic solutions," no pains, and no exorbitant charges. S. Clesson Pratt, M. D., No. 233 West Washington street.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the purest, sweetest, and best in the world. Physicians have decided it superior to any other Cod Liver Oil in the market. Patients who have once taken it can take no other.

We have tested many of the baking powders, and find them universally adulterated—frequently with unhealthy articles—while Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder maintains its reputation for purity and healthiness.

Snyder & Harbour, Dispensing Chemists, 360 West Randolph street, prepare Rose Cold Cream for chapped hands, face, lips, etc., that has no equal. To be convinced, try it.

"Burnett's Superior Flavoring Extracts—Lemon, vanilla, &c., are the very best in this country."—Hanford & Co., grocers, Chicago. For sale by all the leading dealers.

For waterproofs, velveteens, and leathers, go to Reid's, 304 West Lake-st. He has the best and cheapest black alpaca in Chicago.

—A society item from the New York *Journal and General Advertiser*, Jan. 1, 1772: "We learn from New Jersey that on New Year's Eve Captain Jack Howard, a lusty, well-made, young fellow, was married to Cynthia Stockton, a young lady possessing all the qualifications so essential to the happy connubial state."

—The annual meeting of the Chicago Conference of Unitarian Churches will be held at Murray Chapel, on the corner of Twenty-ninth street and Wabash avenue, next Wednesday, January 10, forenoon and afternoon. In the morning there will be reports from churches and the election of officers, address by S. B. Hunting, of Quincy, essay by Rev. E. Powell, of Valparaiso, and conference upon the essay. In the afternoon the president will read an essay by Rev. Chas. H. Brigham of Ann Arbor, Mich., a conference upon the essay, reports from committees, singing, prayer, and miscellaneous business.

—Church of the Messiah, corner of Indiana avenue and Twenty-second street. The pastor, Rev. Laird Collier, will preach in the morning. No evening service.

—Third Church, corner of Laflin and Monroe streets. Rev. C. A. Staples, pastor, will preach in the morning.

—Fourth Society, Rev. C. W. Wendte, pastor. Takes in the evening at Murray Chapel, on Indiana avenue.

—Rev. C. A. Staples will preach this evening in the Unitarian Church at Winetka.

—Rev. Robert Collyer will preach this forenoon at the house of W. W. Dow, Esq., on Orchard street; in Murray Chapel at 3 p. m., and at the Third Church, corner of Monroe and Laflin streets, in the evening. Subject: "What is a wise man better than a fool?"

—The usual new year concert reunion of the Sunday-schools of the Third Church will be held in the church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Members of Unity Church Sunday School are especially invited to be present.

CONGREGATIONAL.

—Plymouth Church, corner of Wabash avenue and Eldridge court. Preaching, morbidly and sensationally, by the pastor, Rev. William Alvin Bartlett. Communion service in the morning.

—New England Church, on White street, between State and North Dearborn streets. Preaching in the morning by the Rev. G. S. F. Savage in the chapel.

—Union Park Church. In the morning the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Preaching in the evening by the pastor. Daily prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., when the newly-elected deacons will be inaugurated.

—Lincoln Park Church, Rev. C. B. Sumner, pastor. Services, morning and evening, in Lincoln Church, corner of Centre and Drayton streets. Seats free.

—Oakland Church, Rev. Dr. Cracraft, pastor, will preach morning and evening. Subject for the evening—"The Honor and the Man."

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

—Upon the site of the Cathedral of the Holy Name, which is being erected a temporary frame building, which will be occupied to-day. Mass will be said at the usual hours, and the pastor, Rev. Dr. McMullen, will preach at 10:30 a. m. The temporary building will be used until the Cathedral is built.

—The Festival at St. Patrick's Church, which has been so largely attended during the last ten days, will continue during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week, when it will close. The Festival hall has been crowded every evening, yielding to a general desire, the Fair is to be kept open three nights longer, for the benefit of those who have not yet attended.

EPISCOPAL.

—Michigan Avenue Church, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets. Preaching morning and evening, by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Bullard.

—Calvary Church, on Warren, near Western avenue, Rev. A. W. Snyder, rector. Services morning and evening. The Holy Communion will be administered at the morning service, and in the evening an subsidiary sermon will be preached by the rector.

—St. John's Church, Rev. H. N. Powers, D.D., rector. Services at 3 p. m., in the Union Park Congregational Church.

UNITARIAN.

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—Rev. Dr. Stowell will preach in the Divergent Street Mission Hall this forenoon, at 11 o'clock.

—Rev. C. D. Noble will preach in the forenoon at the New Jerusalem Church, corner South Park avenue and Thirty-third street.

—New Jerusalem Church, services at Carpenter Hall, corner of Lake and Wood streets, at 3 p. m. Preaching by Rev. C. D. Noble.

—Church of God, corner of Warren avenue and Robey street. Preaching, morning and evening, by the pastor, Rev. A. X. Shoemaker. Sermons on "Work and the Word of Christian Union."

—Preaching in the Advent Christian Chapel on Green street, near Madison, morning and evening, by P. Burg, pastor.

—The usual weekly evening service of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the West Side Opera House this evening. D. L. Moody will speak at the meeting.

—D. L. Moody will preach in the new church, corner of Ontario and Wells streets, in the forenoon. Rev. G. O. Barnes, of Kentucky, will preach in the evening.

—American Reformed Church, on West Washington street, between Ann street and Willard court. Preaching morning and evening, by Rev. Chas. Elliott.

—Reunion Presbyterian Church, on Mitchell, near Throop street. Rev. J. H. Walker, pastor. Services morning and evening.

—Rev. G. O. Barnes, the evangelist, will preach in the morning at the Memorial Church, corner of Monroe and Peoria streets. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Balugh, will preach in the evening, subject, "Christianity, the Final and Complete Religion." Seats free. All are invited.

CITY AFFAIRS IN BRIEF.

A Pleasant Gathering.

One of the first, perhaps the very first, general party on the South Side, since the fire, took place on Friday evening, at the residence of Rev. E. C. Mitchell, D. D., of the Baptist Theological Seminary. Some 200 guests were present, the party being in honor of the Rev. Dr. Northrup and bride and Professor Stearns and bride, (daughters of Dr. Burroughs, of Chicago University,) recently married, and just returned from their voyage to the honeymoon. Among the guests were Dr. Patterson, Dr. Burroughs, Dr. Arnold, Dr. Goodspeed, Dr. Evans, Dr. Thomas, and other doctors of divinity scarcely less noted. All the members of the faculty of both the Theological Seminary and Female University, with their wives, were present. Rev. Mr. Cheney, Hon. J. Y. Scammon, State's Attorney Reed, C. N. Holden, and others of the Board of Trustees of the University, were there, too. It was quite a gathering of the literary people of Cottage Grove, and, indeed, of the city. Host, hostess, and guests enjoyed themselves till Sunday began to approach.

A Free Public Library.

The following correspondence will be read with general interest:

Hon. Joseph Medill, Mayor of Chicago:

The undersigned respectfully request that you call a public meeting of the citizens of Chicago, with reference to the establishment of a Free Public Library in Chicago, to be held at Plymouth Church, corner of Wabash avenue and Eldridge court, on Monday, the 8th inst., at 7:30 p.m., and that you would preside over said meeting.

George S. Bowen, C. M. Henderson,
Philip Wadsworth, C. C. P. Holden,
Henry W. Sheppard, Rev. W. H. Ryder,
Thomas Hoyne, T. B. Lowther,
Wm. Dexter, Isaac N. Arnold,
N. K. Fairbank, Rev. E. A. Bartlett,
G. G. Hubbard, H. W. Winslow,
E. C. Larned, O. S. Hough,
Wm. Jones, Thomas Hoyne,
Charles S. Wilson, William Brown,
Marshall Field, Knox Brown,
J. Young Scammon, Simeon Farwell,
W. K. Doggett, John K. Harmon,
F. A. Kasimal, C. H. McCormick.

Accidents.

John Conyers was thrown out of a buggy, at the corner of Pacific avenue and Harrison street, yesterday afternoon, and was badly injured about the head.

—A man named John McNamee, who lives at No. 20 Scholto street, while drunk, yesterday, fell off the bridge at the mouth of Bolk street into the river and landed on the ground twenty feet below. His head struck first, and he received a gash in the forehead over his left eye. A policeman took him to the Armory, whence, after a doctor attended to him, he was taken home.

Miscellaneous.

Prof. Swing will preach a New Year sermon in Standard Hall, at half past 10 o'clock this morning.

—Henry Beatham, a German, aged 28 years, died suddenly yesterday morning just after eating breakfast, at the boarding house No. 854 Milwaukee avenue, to enter which he was a peddler by occupation, and had been living at the place mentioned but a few days.

—The third course of ten popular lectures, to be given under the auspices of Unity Church, of Oak Park, will be delivered on Thursday evening of this week, by Dr. Mary J. Safford, on the subject of "Crimes and Abuses of Dress." Tickets, 50 cents.

—The annual meeting of the members of the corporation of the Chicago Home for the Friendless will be held in the House, to-morrow forenoon, at 10 o'clock. Reports for the year will be presented, and the annual election of officers and managers will be held.

—The Board of Public Words yesterday granted permission to the Park Commissioners to take down the porch of the west wing of old City Hall, for the improvement of the fire. The Board have stopped issuing permits to erect buildings on the Lake Shore.

—Several persons who were engaged in erecting frame buildings within the fire limits were yesterday notified by the Board of Public Works that they refused to do so, whereupon Captain Hickey was appealed to, and sent a squad of policemen to enforce the city ordinance. Eighteen of the men at work, mostly carpenters, were arrested and arraigned at the South Side Police Court. They were fined $25 each, but as they were mechanics and laboring men, the execution was suspended. Judge Rogers advised them not to be caught again, if they did not want to be punished.

Elegant Tonsorial Accommodations.

Before the fire, the finest, most popular and best-patronized tonsorial establishment in Chicago was that of Petillon Brothers, in THE TRIBUNE building. In spite of the absolute loss, without insurance, of their complete establishment, the Petillons, with true pluck, at once set to work to restore their business, and they have succeeded in securing rooms for a first-class location, one at No. 264 Wabash avenue, on the corner of Harrison street, and the other at the southeast corner of Twenty-second street and Michigan avenue. At both of these places they have fitted up elegant shops, with the most luxurious of chairs, handsome mirrors, cabinets for private cups, etc.; and in connection with each establishment they have fitted up first-class *suites* of bath rooms. For this purpose they have been fortunate in securing high, light and well-ventilated rooms, all heated by steam. The bath rooms are even larger than those before the fire, and are supplied with the finest furnishings to be had, such as roomy, full length tubs, with showers attached, the patent sham-excluding basin faucets, elegant mirrors, handsome carpets and furniture,—and in fact the bath rooms are distinctively and thoroughly first-class, and are not fitted up nor conducted on the "barn-cat" plan. The same is true of both establishments throughout of the Petillon Brothers, who have not been content with merely rushing into business without regard to either the convenience or comfort of their patrons, but have done everything in their power to [illegible] Trade, determined to have something besides a "one-horse" concern if it took all summer. They have succeeded splendidly, and are now in the [illegible] to bid welcome to both old and new patrons. Another good idea of theirs—they will redeem all bath and shaving tickets issued by them before the fire. The Petillons deserve success for the enterprise and good taste which they have manifested.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 6.

The close of the week has brought some relaxation in the money stringency in New York. A perceptibly easier feeling is also noticeable in this market, and some of the banks have experienced a large increase of deposits during the last half of the week. To a limited extent the gain in deposits on the part of some of the banks is probably due to a shifting of accounts from one bank to another, but in the main, it is due to a general accumulation of money. The stringency which is usually incident to the settlements at the beginning of the new year has been less marked this year than usual; but such as it is, the worst of it has probably passed. From now until the end of the month the general tendency will probably be toward ease.

The movement of currency from the country toward this city continues, and indicates the probability of a light movement of products toward this city during the next few weeks.

Exchange continues very firm and scarce, at one per $1,000 premium, showing the tendency of funds to move toward New York.

In another part of the paper will be found the new statements of the First and Second National Banks of this city, made to show their condition at the close of the year, after all *bad and doubtful debts have been charged up to "profit and loss."* The managers of these banks—as also of the Fifth National, which published a similar statement a few days ago—recognize the correctness of the rule that a bank, like a woman, should be above suspicion. At the date specified in the last official statement to the Comptroller, it was much more difficult for any bank to give accurate information in regard to its losses than at present. But now that the settlements for the end of the year of 1871 have been completed they leave the affairs of the banks in a more intelligible shape. The action of these banks is not only business like but politic. They show that they desire the confidence of the people, and the unreserved manner in which they show the whole of their losses proves that they are entitled to it. Every common sense business man knows that it was not possible for any of the banks to escape some loss in the great calamity which befel the business of the whole city. Any attempt on the part of any bank to conceal its losses was in reasoning that the people were stupid, any refusal to make such a statement affords ground for suspicion that the affairs of any such bank will will not bear publicity.

Some curious and valuable information in regard to the place occupied in business by the savings banks is adduced in the elaborate statement of the Merchants', Farmers' & Mechanics' Savings Bank of this city, which will be found in another column. This bank owns no real estate, the bank is a perfectly sound one, but the systematic arrangement of the various details in the statement will afford evidence of an orderly management in the affairs of the bank. Even those who have no particular interest in the bank, will be interested in perusing the statistics which throw some light on the habits of the people, their employments, and on the seasons when working people, both men and women, save the most or spend the most.

The clearings for the week ending Jan. 6, were as follows:

	No clearings.
January 2	$3,863,764.80
January 3	4,361,827.51
January 4	3,570,767.16
January 5	2,943,035.77
January 6	3,022,580.11
Total	$17,866,971.54
Last week	11,749,373.34
Corresponding week last year	19,002,726.41

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 6.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce at this port during the past twenty-four hours, as far as reported, with the corresponding quantities one year ago:

	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
	Receipts.		*Shipments.*	
Flour, brls	5,711	4,722	2,561	7,987
Wheat, bu	261,735	36,000	76,000	7,000
Corn, bu	581,355	54,267	4,910	10,923
Oats, bu	22,510	10,656	9,933	600
Rye, bu	4,069	1,000	1,000	756
Barley, bu	11,810	2,530	3,323	5,859
Grass seed, lbs	12,370	61,881	2,630	20,000
Broom corn, lbs	33,010	29,100	29,100	29,100
Cured meats, lbs	498,420	77,500	1,813,076	1,352,400
Beef, brls	58	80	301	60
Pork, brls	1,000	381	272	1,250
Lard, lbs	114,350	200,300	405,250	748,450
Tallow, lbs	31,270	42,300		
Butter, lbs	63,655	34,913	11,847	9,300
Dressed hogs, No	2,041	1,456	2,254	1,200
Live hogs, No	9,267	13,103	1,505	1,769
Cattle, No	726	831	1,203	180
Hides, lbs	190,551	145,354	91,952	225,192
Highwines, brls	50	250	405	310
Wool, lbs	11,700	9,110		5,850
Potatoes, bu	2,400	500		
Lumber, m	445	108	410	646
Shingles, m		1,610	10	177
Lath, m	72		23	20
Salt, brls			2,722	1,350

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 966 bu wheat; 1,202 bu corn; 1,266 bu rye.

The following were the receipts of grain into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 84 cars wheat; 436 cars corn; 41 cars oats; 4 cars rye; 31 cars barley. Total, 596 cars, or 596,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock for the week ending with this morning, and for corresponding weeks, ending as dated:

	Jan. 6, '72.	*Dec. 30, '71.*	*Jan. 6, '71.*
	Receipts.		
Flour, brls	25,357	29,240	20,348
Wheat, bu	113,062	76,106	256,997
Corn, bu	830,410	697,250	399,709
Oats, bu	329,780	353,937	66,000
Rye, bu	17,749	13,141	11,167
Barley, bu	57,160	41,343	12,319
Grass seed, lbs	119,000	91,113	46,615
Live hogs, No	72,189	86,750	80,447
Cattle, No	4,994	5,768	9,998
	Shipments.		
Flour, brls	19,623	16,622	25,319
Wheat, bu	4,468	3,155	5,430
Corn, bu	84,188	57,036	80,772
Oats, bu	46,000	283,910	4,000
Rye, bu	7,319	2,128	1,935
Barley, bu	56,009	24,453	26,198
Grass seed, lbs	9,907	20,000	2,000
Live hogs, No	31,124	9,394	5,017
Cattle, No	3,019	1,462	4,148

The following were the receipts and shipments of provisions during the week:

	Receipts.	*Shipments.*
Beef, brls	1,000	150
Pork, brls	2,747	3,002
Lard, lbs	986,600	4,021,024
Meats, lbs	1,760,500	11,349,900

The provision markets were rather less active, to-day, and the leading grain markets were easier, while provisions exhibited but little change, but were firm.

Highwines were very quiet but firmer, though reported weak in New York. There are more offering than buyers are disposed to take, so far the few wanted. Sale was reported of 50 brls at 85c.

Dressed hogs were less active, and a shade easier, there being plenty of buyers, but they held off for lower prices, as live hogs were easier. A total of 1,505 head were sold at $5.70 for odd lots, $5.75@5.80 for medium and $5.85@5.90 for choice, several were left unsold.

Provisions were rather slow, but firm and unchanged, except on cash meats, which were reported sparingly that the little wanted was taken at an advance of 5@7c per lb, while options remained steady. The principal packers in this city, and being almost inactive, while meats were in less request than heretofore, though, to judge by the shipments, the demand above reported during the past week the shipments of meats have averaged nearly 1,000,000 lbs per day. The receipts of hogs were larger today, but operators did not seem to be much scared, as the arrivals have been so light for two weeks past as to indicate that there will be no more rush, while the business of packing is closed at the great majority of points. The market closed at the following range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller Dec. 30 days, $13.35@13.40; do seller February, $13.90@14.00; do seller April, $14.00. Lard, cash or seller the month, 8½@8¾c; do seller February, 8¾c; do seller March, 9@9c. Green meats at 4½@5c for shoulders; 7½@8c for short ribs; 8@8½c for short clear; and 8@8½c for hams. Dry salted meats at 4½c for shoulders; 7½c for rough sides; 8½@8¾c for short ribs; and 9@9½c for short clear. Boxed meats higher than the above quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberlands, 6¾c. Sweet pickled hams, 9½@10c. Mess beef, $8.00@8.25; extra, $9.00@9.50. Mess beef, $8.00@8.25; extra, $9.00@9.50. City tallow, 8½@8¾c. Sales were reported of 400 brls mess pork seller the month, or cash, at $13.40. Sales were reported of 1,000 brls do at $13.75; 200 brls do seller February at $13.65; 1,250 brls do at $13.62½; 1,000 brls do at $13.60; 100 brls do at $13.55; 1,000 do brls cured shoulders at 5c; 1,000 do at 5¼c; and March at $13.80; 1,000 brls to seller April at $14.00; 250 tcs lard at 8¾@8¾c; 15 tcs do (country) at 8½c; 54 tcs do, No. 1, at 8¾c; 100 tcs do seller February at 9c; 1,500 tcs do seller March at 9¼c; 20,000 lbs green hams at 8c; 20,000 lbs do at 8¼c; 2,000 pcs do at 7½c; 50,000 lbs shoulders seller February at 6½c; 9 hds country sides at 8¼c.

The following shows the packing at principal points, to date:

	To date, 1872.	*To date, 1871.*	*Total last season.*
Chicago	767,106	511,859	915,097
Cincinnati	370,000	324,175	550,000
St. Louis	307,000	207,057	395,000
Milwaukee	250,000	185,000	345,000
Louisville	160,000	124,893	242,135
Peoria	75,000		45,000
Indianapolis	72,000		71,000
Cincinnati	120,000	80,000	105,000

Flour was in fair demand, but not active, the inquiry being principally for low and medium grades for shipment; they are scarce. Prices were unchanged. Sales were reported of 60 brls white winter extra at $6.75; 300 brls do at $6.60; 200 brls do at $6.50; 100 brls spring extras (Big Loaf) at $6.60; 100 brls do at $6.25; 100 brls do at $6.00; 400 brls do on private terms; 100 brls do on private terms; 25 brls do on private terms; 25 brls buckwheat flour at $7.00. Total, 1,575 brls. Also 10 tons bran at $14.00 on track.

Wheat was less active, and little lower, the decline being greatest on cash lots, which had been temporarily bulged yesterday by the desire to cover the shortages reported by two or three failures. The difference between cash and February demanded so much yesterday that the corner-stone of the wheat corner has not yet been laid, being able to make a profit by carrying up the difference, and the usual order of business was only resumed to-day, when the difference widened back to its former figure. Liverpool was unchanged, but New York quotations were easier, though that market was not so much excited over the decline here. The impression to-day was that the decline had been carried far enough, and the result was a partial recovery from the lowest point reached. Receipts were liberal, and the demand was light. Sales were reported of 5,000 bu No. 1 spring at $1.20; 5,000 bu do at $1.20½; 5,000 bu do at $1.20¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.21; 5,000 bu do at $1.21½; 5,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.22; 5,000 bu do at $1.22½; 5,000 bu do at $1.22¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.23; 5,000 bu do at $1.23½; 5,000 bu do at $1.23¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.24; 5,000 bu do at $1.24½; 5,000 bu do at $1.24¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.25; 5,000 bu do at $1.25½; 5,000 bu do at $1.25¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.26; 5,000 bu do at $1.26½; 5,000 bu do at $1.26¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.27; 5,000 bu do at $1.27½; 5,000 bu do at $1.27¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.28; 5,000 bu do at $1.28½; 5,000 bu do at $1.28¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.29; 5,000 bu do at $1.29½; 5,000 bu do at $1.29¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.30; 5,000 bu do at $1.30½; 5,000 bu do at $1.30¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.31; 5,000 bu do at $1.31½; 5,000 bu do at $1.31¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.32; 5,000 bu do at $1.32½; 5,000 bu do at $1.32¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.33; 5,000 bu do at $1.33½; 5,000 bu do at $1.33¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.34; 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ZURICH.

European System of Insurance by the State.

German Remedy to Complete Lost or Insufficient Records of Title.

A Rigorous Winter on the Continent.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.
ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 12.

STATE INSURANCE.

The question of the solvency of the insurance companies being now one of the highest importance for the people of Chicago, it might not be without interest for your readers to learn how they insure their buildings in other countries. I have just before me the annual statement of the receipts and expenditures, in the year 1870, of the Cantonal Fire Insurance Institution of Zurich. Here, as in some other European countries, especially in the German States, the buildings are insured against fire, either wholly, or at least to a great portion of their value, by the State Government, a branch of which is called the Fire Insurance Department. The principle upon which this State fire insurance is based is reciprocity, and the State Institution is in reality nothing but a *forced* mutual insurance of all the buildings in the State against fire, administered by a branch of the State Government, without any further charges than the real expenses. It is a *forced* mutual insurance, because each and every owner of a building is a member of this institution by the force of the law; he is obliged to pay his share, according to the valuation of his own building, for the rebuilding of the house of any other man that is situated in the State, and will, in return, be indemnified if his own house should be damaged by fire. As is every other mutual fire insurance company, the danger of the members to be taxed for losses by fire will be less in proportion to the greater number insured, and, therefore, the greater the territory of the State, the smaller will be the contributions exacted yearly from the house-owners. Of course, under such circumstances, it cannot be expected that the State will allow anybody to erect timber-boxes, or use inflammable materials, and thereby endanger the neighbors; but the State will prescribe by law, just as they commence now to do in Chicago, the thickness of the walls, the materials to be used, the construction of chimneys and fireplaces, and exercise a general supervision, not only of the erection of buildings, but also in the restriction of the use of fire and lights; and the inhabitants have to submit to domestic visits of the Fire Wardens and the chimney-sweeps, and the inspection of their stoves and fireplaces. That any person who would smoke in a stable or in a barn, or who would go milking the cows in order to have an oyster stew, with an open candle-light or a kerosene lamp, would be severely fined, is a matter of course. In the first place, any person who wants to erect a building has to submit his plans to the proper authority, and, if the same are found to be in conformity with the building and fire ordinances, he will receive his license; otherwise not. As the building progresses, and when it is finished, the owner need not go and hunt up an insurance agent, nor will he be hunted down by several dozen of them; but the Government Appraisers will quietly appear, and, after a careful examination of plans and specifications, will put a valuation upon the building, and will enter it in the books of the Fire Insurance Department, and the next year the Tax Collector will collect the insurance tax, just as all the other State, school and town taxes are collected; which tax will be smaller or larger just in proportion to the losses sustained by fire in the preceding year. In case of a conflagration, the house-owners are sure to receive full compensation, and need not be afraid of being swindled out of their property by insolvent or fraudulent fire insurance companies.

In order to give you an insight into the workings of such a State insurance company, I quote from the statement of the Department of the Canton of Zurich for 1870 the following figures: The value of all the buildings insured amounted to 415,153,015 francs, or about 560,000,000 in gold (inclusive of the value of the buildings belonging to the State, 10,671,650 francs). The insurance tax amounted to 414,701 francs, or about 1-10 of 1 per cent. The total amount of expenses, inclusive of the cost of appraisals, examination of lightning rods, salary of officers, etc., was 511,754 francs, leaving a deficit of 100,000 francs, which amount was been taken out of the reserve fund, and has to be refunded again; so that, in ordinary times, the insurance tax will not be over 3-10 of 1 per cent. Now, compare that with the premiums which are charged at Chicago, as high as 3 per cent; and then compare the security which is afforded here with the security afforded by those private companies. Let us for once assume that a conflagration should destroy the fourth part of all the buildings in the Canton of Zurich, to the value of 40,000,000 francs. Then the tax to be levied on the balance of 300,000,000 francs would rise to about 1-3 per cent,—a very heavy tax indeed; but, distributed into about twelve yearly payments, it would not fall very heavily upon the fortunate ones whose buildings had escaped the fire. In such a case, the State would, of course, raise the necessary means by a loan, to be refunded in ten or twenty years. But this calculation is based upon the supposition of a conflagration in a very small State, a wish for such an insurance, based upon reciprocity, may, indeed, have its very serious dangers. But let us now suppose the third part of the city of Munich, or the city of Carlsruhe, should be consumed by a disastrous conflagration; how large would be the share that would fall upon all the house-owners in the Kingdom of Bavaria or the Grand Duchy of Baden? Hardly as much as the Chicago people are now obliged to pay the private companies doing business there, with no security in case of an extraordinary calamity.

The advantages of such a system are obvious, and, if it had existed in the State of Illinois at the time of the great Chicago fire, thousands and thousands of people of Chicago, who are beggared to-day, would have the richness rebuilt by the contributions, not only of the house-owners in West and South Chicago who have escaped the fire, but from all the owners of buildings in the whole State, who would hardly feel the increased taxation especially if it was divided for the space of several years.

But the system of State Insurance on the principle of reciprocity has yet other advantages. People here can get money loaned on their buildings at 4, 4½, and 5 per cent. True, money is cheaper here, but this is not the only cause of low interests. Capitalists know here that, if the house on which they have a mortgage should burn, the State insurance Department will have it built up again. (The insurance money must be applied to rebuilding, which lessens the inducements to incendiarism.) At Chicago, the capitalists who depend upon the insurance policy as a collateral has a very fragile security, when, after a great conflagration, almost all the insurance companies go into liquidation, or go forever into bankruptcy. With a system of mutual insurance by the State, it would now be an easy thing to raise money enough in Europe, at a comparatively low rate of interest to rebuild the burnt district of Chicago; for who in Europe would be foolish enough to invest his capital in Chicago mortgages when he has to risk inflammable timber-boxes, the failure of numberless insurance companies, and the loss in the value of the ground of more than 50 per cent? It may be somewhat inconvenient for people who are used to self-government to the great extent to be controlled in one's own house; to have the fireplace and the chimneys inspected; to be compelled to keep the matches in tin boxes; to be fined for going with an unprotected candle-light or a kerosene lamp into a stable, and enjoying there a good smoke; but why should a careful and sober man have his property destroyed by the carelessness of his drunken neighbor? And are not your fire-limits, your ordinances regarding the thickness of the walls in the basement and the several stories of the houses, and similar improvements, so many infringements of the right of property? Once the principle admitted that a proprietor may be restricted in the use of his property, and that he may be prohibited from doing anything to the injury of his neighbor, you may push that principle to the same consequences as they do in European countries, and as has been in the Swiss Republic. Another salutary effect of the system of State insurance is the very rare occurrence of incendiarism, and the conviction and punishment of the guilty parties in the greater part of the cases.

As a general rule, private insurance companies have nothing to do with the insuring of buildings, but only of personal property; but, even in this regard, they are subject to a very rigid control by the State authorities, for the purpose of preventing the insurance of personal property at a higher figure than its real value.

REAL ESTATE TITLES.

As to the evidences of title in real estate, they have in Germany a simple and efficient remedy. It sometimes happens that a piece of property may belong to a family for a long period of time. The possession is undisputed, and the fee descends from father to son, and now the present proprietor wants to sell out, or to mortgage. Then by examination of the public records, it is ascertained that the title is either not recorded at all, or that some link in the chain of title is wanting. The remedy for such cases is provided in the code de procedure of the Grand Duchy of Baden;—in simply this: That the possessor of the real estate, who wants to sell or to mortgage, applies to the Court in whose district the real estate is situated, presents the case, and by which all persons having unrecorded claims against such real estate are ordered to present and prove the same in a certain time, after the lapse of which all such claims will be declared extinguished as against the new purchaser or mortgagee, who has applied for such an order, will be responsible to every person having a better claim, during the time prescribed by the statute of limitations. In this way, real estate, even if all record evidences should be lost, may be transferred, giving the new purchaser or mortgagee a full and good title.

COLD WEATHER.

The winter has set in here, and in Europe generally, with a quite unusual severity. In Paris the thermometer fell, a few days ago, to 21 1-2 degrees below zero, Reaumur, the two coldest days at Paris were Dec. 30, 1788, and Feb. 11, 1789. On the former the mercury stood 19, and on the latter 19 1-10 degrees, Reaumur. From all parts of the country arrive the news of people being found frozen, and this morning's paper announces the death of four persons, three of them in the immediate neighborhood of Zurich, by freezing.

May the city of Chicago and the surrounding country, at least this year, be spared the hardships of a severe winter. L. B.

HUMAN LIFE.

A little child, with her bright blue eyes,
And hair like golden spray,
Sat on the rock by the steep cliff's foot
As the ocean ebbed away.

And she longed for the milk-white shining foam,
As it danced to the sandals' hum;
And she stretched out her hand, and tottered fast,
To bring the white feathers home.

And still as she strayed the tide ebbed fast,
And the gleaming foam laughed on,
And the white flurf shrunk from the tiny feet,
And the little fat hands caught none.

She sat wearily down by the steep cliff's foot,
Till the ways seemed to change their tune,
And the white foam flowed to her as she sat,
As though 'twould at last be kind.

And the fluff played over her soft white feet,
And the feathers flew up to her chin,
And the soft loving water kissed her lips,
And I carried my dead child in.
—*London Spectator.*

THE SOLDIERS OF JENA.

CHAPTER I.—THE GERMAN SOLDIER.

A quiet little sitting room, plainly, yet comfortably furnished; a tall white stove, towering almost to the ceiling; books upon the tables and behind the glass doors of a spacious book-case; pictures upon the wall—not a fine print of Frederick the Great, another a spirited likeness of the handsome Crown Prince of Prussia. Such is one of the many apartments which the setting sun illumines as it sinks to rest over Berlin on this luminous July day of 1836.

An old man sits by the window—an old, old man, with bent form, and locks as white as snow. If there is no lack of fire in the sunken blue eye that peers so eagerly through the gold-rimmed spectacles at the newspaper which lies before him, and the heavy white moustache droops over a mouth firmly set, speaking of energy and resolution in every line, notwithstanding the network of wrinkles that surrounds it. He is *en grande tenue*; a faded uniform of bygone days, with more than one bullet hole into the sleeve and shoulder, envelops his form, and the ribbon of an order is knotted in his button-hole. The left sleeve is looped across his chest, for the veteran has but one arm. Was he the old soldier of Jena and Waterloo scan the printed sheet with sparkling eyes and trembling hand, and a flush on his withered cheek, for this day King William makes answer to the defiance of France, and, drawing the sword of brave old Fritz, bids Prussia prepare for war.

He laid aside the newspaper at last, and, looking up, gazed with fixed, earnest glance on the portrait of the Crown Prince.

"Handsome, heroic, good, like the martyred mother of his father," he muttered. "God grant him victory! God give us vengeance!"

He rose and with tottering steps crossed the room to the bookcase, one of the doors of which he unlocked. From behind a row of volumes he drew out a little portfolio covered with faded red morocco and fastened with a lock. Returning to his seat, he unlocked the portfolio with a small key which hung from his watch-chain, and drew out two objects—a pocketbook and a small colored drawing. This last represented a young and pretty girl—a laughing-eyed, rosy-lipped maiden, with her fair curls knotted back with blue ribbon, and a rose fastened in front of her corsage. Though valueless as a work of art, it was evidently a spirited and faithful portrait, an accurate representation of the living beauty the artist had sought to reproduce.

He brushed the dust from the pictured face and looked long at it—so! tenderly, but with something stern and vindictive in his gaze. Then he opened the pocket-book and shook from it on the table a number of yellow, crumpled bank notes and a scrap of paper which looked like a fragment of an old letter. This he smoothed out on the table before him. It was part of the back of a letter, and the address was still legible, though the ink was faded and the paper unbrowned by age. The old man read the written words inaudibly, but with moving lips and knitted brow. Then he folded the paper carefully, replaced it, with the bank notes, in the pocket-book, and put the picture and the pocket-book back into the portfolio, which he closed, but did not lock.

Upon this he laid the portfolio on the table a knock was heard at the door.

"Herein!" cried the old man, quickly, thowing the newspaper over the portfolio. The door opened, and a tall, stalwart-looking man entered. Though evidently long past middle age, his step was as firm, his eyes as bright, his carriage as martial, as that of a youth. His hair was grey, as was also the thick mustache which drooped above a mouth in whose stern, resolute lines might be traced a strong resemblance to the same feature in the aged veteran in whose presence he found himself. There was also a resemblance in the form and carriage of the head and in the general outlines of the face. But the eye of the new comer was black and sparkling, while the eyes that glittered under the shaggy white brows of the elder man were blue and clear—of that pale, transparent tint which eyes of a darker azure are wont to assume in extreme old age. He was attired in the uniform of a lieutenant in the Prussian Infantry, and held his spiked helmet in his hand.

"Ah, Karl, 'tis thou," cried the veteran, rising and extending his hand. "Hast heard the news?"

"Yes, and I thank heaven I am not yet too old to strike a blow for the Fatherland."

"As I am," interrupted the old soldier, bitterly. "Nay, say nothing, Karl; thou didst not mean to pain me—that I know right well. And so thou hatest France?"

"As I hate my own mother."

"And lovest Germany?"

"Am I not a Prussian soldier?"

"Even as I am still," cried the old man with enthusiasm. "See, I wear the uniform I never thought to don again. For I never forgot my condition. But in the pocket of the dress she died worn on the night that she was brought back to the Schwartzes, Dame Gertrude discovered a red note or pocket-book. A handful of French bank-notes had been hastily crammed into it, as payment, possibly, for Lina's ruined honor and shipwrecked life. When this pocket-book was placed in my hands, I examined it carefully and eagerly but could find no clue to the name of its former possessor. Years after I was inspecting it with more than ordinary curiosity, when part of the pockets, which had become loose, came out in my hand. Underneath the loose lining a fragment of a letter had slipped—a mere fragment—bearing a name, but no address. Old Müller rose, took the portfolio from the table, opened it and drew forth the portrait and pocket-book."

"That," he said, laying the picture before Karl, "was the likeness of your brother."

The soldier took it in his hands and bent upon it a sorrowful, earnest gaze, while the old man busied himself with the pocket-book.

"And here," he said, laying a paper on the pictured face, "is the name of your father."

Dropping the picture, Karl Muller seized the paper eagerly. There was still legible on its yellow surface, traced in a delicate female hand, the following words: "M. le Comte Amedee de Versigne, 2ième—" The rest was torn away.

Without a word, Karl Muller folded the paper and placed it in the breast pocket of his coat.

"And now, father—uncle—"

"Call me father still," interrupted old Muller.

"Our regiment leaves to-night. I have come to say farewell."

"To-night!" exclaimed the old man. "Well, well! What matters it if a little earlier than I thought? Thou wilt do thy duty manfully, and as I would have done were I but half a century younger. Now indeed do I regret that thou didst never marry, for hadst thou some stalwart sons, ay, or perhaps a grandson or two—"

"I might have had daughters," interrupted Karl in a bitter tone, "and France may be victorious. Nay, it is best as it is. And now, father, I must go."

The two men clasped each other in a long, silent embrace, and the white moustache and the grey mat in that grave caress which in Germany marks the sad partings and solemn greetings of manhood.

"Farewell, Karl," said Phillip Muller as he released his adopted son from his arms. "Remember thy Fatherland, and forget not thy mother. And so, *auf wiedersehen*—if not in this world, why then in a better. But I think the Lord will spare both thee and me to behold the downfall of France."

From the street below arose once more the brave, defiant chant—

They shall not, shall not have it,
The free, the German Rhine.

CHAPTER II.—THE FRENCH SOLDIER.

Paris had fallen!

Twenty-four hours before, the tramp of a victorious foe had been heard in the Champs Elysee, bite German eyes had glanced in triumph at the obelisk, the fountains, and the statues in the Place de la Concorde, brave German hearts throbbed high with exultation at this grand termination of all their sufferings and toil. The echoes, weary of repeating the empty boasts of the Marseillaise, the fictitious patriotism of "Mourir pour la patrie," took kindly to the eternal refrain of "Die Wacht am Rhein," and

Over the vast, dear land of mine,

Faithful and firm, we watch the Rhine,

sounded in mighty chorus along the ban ks of the sluggish Seine. Nobody chanted "Le Rhin Allemand" in reply, and Dore's picture of the ghosts of the soldiers of Napoleon and Conde greeting their successors of 1870 on the coveted shores in question had disappeared from the shop windows. Chassepots lined but deep, were on every French lip, scowls sat on every brow.

Yet even on that day of national gloom and despair, crowds of sight-seers wandered hither and thither, inspecting the damage done by the German guns during the siege, or gazing upon the veiled brow and flower-decked base of the statue of Strasbourg. Troops of idlers stood on the splendid avenue marking with curious eyes the damage done by shot and shell to its once stately mansions. A little crowd had collected in front of one house, to which the capricious ravages of an explosion had imparted a curious and picturesque effect. Part of the edifice had been literally blown up, and now filled the once gorgeous garden with rubbish and stones, fragments of shattered columns, shreds of costly furniture. But one corner of the house remained standing, exposing to view what had once been a suite of elegant and exquisitely decorated apartments. One of these hadbeen a superb bull room, with frescoed ceiling, marble columns and inlaid floor, but damp and dust and long exposure to the weather had dimmed the gay painting and delicate wood-work, and white mould and mildew had crept over such of the once snowy pillars as still remained standing. On one of the blackened gates, so lately gun with gilding, and whose elaborate workmanship still retained much of its former beauty, could be traced, one word—"Versigny."

Before this sad and singular ruin stood a cluster of German soldiers, a little apart from the main group of gazers, and looking upon the scene of desolation with grave inquiring eyes, wherein shone no unmanly gleam of exultation or rejoicing. Foremost among them was an elderly officer, who, with his arms wrapped in his military cloak, leaned against the twisted column of a shattered lamp post, apparently lost in thought. If looks spoke could story this little knot of Germans would have been utterly annihilated, so fierce, so vindictive were the scowling glances cast upon them; but the victors of Worth, Sedan and Gravelotte were impervious to the lightnings cast from the angry eyes of the Parisians, and took no notice whatever of their muttered execrations and stealthily shaken fists.

A tall, wiry-looking young man came with some hesitation toward the officer. After a moment's pause he said in English, "Do you speak English, sir?"

"Yes, at your service," was the ready reply. "Are you an Englishman?"

"No—Heaven forbid! I am an American, and of German descent, was the quick response. The old man smiled and held out his hand, which the American cordially grasped.

"I have some dear friends in America," remarked the Captain.

"And I," said his new acquaintance, "though proud of being an American citizen, can exult to-day at the thought that German blood is flowing in my veins."

A brief conversation ensued, and, after talking for some time about the events of the war, the American said, glancing at the ruined pile before which they still stood:

"This is a sad change for the once gay Hotel de Versigny."

"Can you tell me anything respecting the Versigny family?" inquired the old man eagerly. "I have in vain tried to discover the present abode of its surviving members."

"Oh, yes!" was the reply. "I used to visit here before the war. I have passed many pleasant evenings in the third drawing room, and have danced many a galop there with poor, pretty Mademoiselle Leonie. Did you ever meet the old Count?"

"Never. I am anxious to make his acquaintance."

"He was an extraordinary old man,—nearly 80 years of age; and yet, last winter, at the grand ball which his son gave, he looked not much over 60,—tall, erect, with a piercing black eye, and the greatest profusion of snow-white hair. When last I heard of him he was much broken down by family trouble and by his privations he endured during the siege, the former as well as the latter sufficient to have killed a much younger man."

"And what were these sorrows of which you speak?"

"Why, he had but one son living, General de Versigny, who was a great favorite with the Emperor. The General married during the reign of Louis Philippe, a German beiress, with an immense dot. He had three sons, Amedee, Louis, and Francois, and this one daughter of whom I just now spoke, and who was his youngest child. When war was declared, Amedee and Francois were already in the army, and Louis enlisted at once. The General and Francis were killed at Sedan; Amedee fell at Gravelotte, and Louis died from the effects of the amputation of a wound received at Woerth. The old Count is now living with his granddaughter at the Hotel des Deux Mondes, in the Rue Castiglione; they are the last survivors of the family, for Madame de Versigny died of cholera in 1865. I hear that all their property has been dissipated in one way or another, and you can see here what has become of their home."

Captain Muller looked up at the shattered mansion before him with a meditative gaze.

"Hotel des Deux Mondes, Rue d'Antin!" he repeated, as if to himself. "I must remember, for I could extract nothing from these surly Frenchmen, and I am desirous of paying my respects to M. le Comte de Versigny—my relation."

"Hm!" said the American to himself, looking after the retreating form of the Prussian officer. "I doubt if his relatives will be glad to see him. But it is not easy to deny one's self to visitors who have such visiting cards as these." And his glance fell upon a fragment of a shell which was visible among the debris that filled the garden.

"M. le Comte de Versigny is ill, and can see no one," said a sweet-toned, girlish voice in response to an imperative summons at the door of a small apartment au quatrieme in the Hotel des Deux Mondes.

"Pardon, mademoiselle," said the affrighted servant, "but the gentleman says he must see M. le Comte, and Oh de let him in; 'est la Prussien!' We shall all be murdered if you do not."

"A Prussian! Does he dare to come hither to insult our misery?" cried the young girl, flinging open the door herself. "Sa'ute, sir—enter if you will. You will find nothing here more dangerous to victorious Germany than an old man and a young girl."

Captain Muller, at this unwarlike invitation, entered the apartment, a tiny salon, with a minute flame flickering over a handful of sticks in the fire-place—a chill, damp, dark little room, looking out on the courtyard, and cheerless as only a bachelor apartment in winter can ever be. Beside the fire sat an old man wrapped in a wadded dressing-gown, and mumbling fruitlessly between his gums. A young girl had opened the door, and who had then retreated to a post beside her grandfather's chair, was a slender, delicate girl of fourteen or fifteen, with hair bearing in her hollow cheek, sunken eyes, and attenuated form the cruel traces of want which the siege and its attendant horrors had left upon so many. Captain Muller approached her, but she shrank from him with a look like that of a hunted animal—one in which hate and terror struggled for the mastery.

"Fear nothing, Mademoiselle de Versigny," he said in French. "Not even the French blood which flows in my veins could induce me ever to harm or insult helpless innocence or unprotected womanhood. I only wished to speak a few words to your grandfather—to M. le Comte Amedee de Versigny."

"Grandfather!" cried the young girl, leaning over the old man. "There is a person, a Prussian, who wishes to speak to you."

The Count looked up with a vacant stare. "To see me?" he mumbled. "Send for your father or one of the boys. I am so cold, and I am cold, cold. Where is Baptiste? Tell him to bring more wood." And he bent down his wrinkled face again toward the fire. "I'm hungry, too," he querulously moaned. "Tell him to serve me at once a truffled pheasant and a bottle of Chablis. And let us have ourselves a la Joinville for dinner to-day, and a potage bisque. I am so hungry, so hungry, and the boys neglect me so!"

"You see, sir, he is in his dotage," said Mademoiselle de Versigny, bitterly; "he who was so lately a very miracle of health, and vigor and intellect." She put her arm softly about his neck: "Grandfather, dear grandfather, here is a German officer—"

"A German!" cried the old man, looking up, while a flush of almost youthful fire shone in his sunken eye. "I know—I know. We beat them at Jena, and we have declared war again. The soldiers of Jena still survive—so said the declaration of war—and I am one of those soldiers. On to Berlin! Ay, that is the cry. There is good in Berlin, and the wine is not bad, and the girls—ah, the girls!"

He kissed his withered finger tips with a hideous, idiotic leer.

"Do you remember Lina Muller?" asked the Captain, sternly.

"Lina—Lina Muller!—a pretty slip of a girl, upon my word! How she screamed when we carried her off! But she went mad, and I sent her back. She was pretty, that girl."

Captain Muller, his arms folded in his military cloak, stood gazing in silence upon the group before him. A ruined, homeless, childless, mindless old man—a pale, feeble girl; these alone remained of the once wealthy, haughty, prosperous family of the Versigny.

"Sir," said Mademoiselle de Versigny, with cold, calm dignity, "you see that your presence excites and distresses my grandfather. Will you not oblige me by stating your business as briefly as possible, and by then leaving the room? You can hardly imagine that your visit can be a very welcome one to me, to the daughter of General de Versigny, whom—" Her voice failed her, and she burst into a passion of tears. "Go, sir, go!" she cried, passionately. "Were my father or my brothers still alive, you would not dare to force your unwelcome presence upon us in this discourteous fashion."

Without speaking Captain Muller looked round the room. Everywhere he saw traces of poverty, of privation, of that painful struggle which only refined natures at war with destitution ever know. He turned again to Mademoiselle de Versigny.

"I will leave you at once, mademoiselle," he said, in grave but not unkindly tones, "if you will but answer one or two questions which, believe me, I ask from no unfriendly motive. Has this war utterly ruined your fortunes? So I have heard."

"Utterly!" she answered, her eyes flashing through her tears, falling upon the face of her country has been that of my family. Wealth, happiness, prosperity were ours, and to-day our home is ruins, our fortune swept away, and alone, friendless, penniless orphan. We are alone in the world, destitute, forsaken, forlorn. Now go and exult over the ruin which you, and your King, and your countrymen have wrought."

"Aux armes citoyens!
Formes vos bataillons!"

sang the old Count, in a cracked, childish treble, waving one thin, wasted arm above his head.

Captain Muller took a pencil from the table and wrote something on a scrap of paper which he drew from the breast pocket of his coat.

"There, mademoiselle!" he said, offering the paper to her; "that is my name and address—Captain Karl Muller, of the Queen Louisa Regiment. Should you ever need a protector, send for me and I will aid you. But leave Paris as soon as possible. Go to Switzerland, to England, to Belgium—only leave Paris. Pardon me if I have not been the bearer of her woes, and if Paris becomes that hideous pandemonium that it once was, and that it may yet be, what would be the fate of one so fair, young and helpless as yourself in the midst of those infuriate fiends! Leave Paris; trust to me and I will aid you—only leave Paris."

Without removing her eyes from his face, she took the proffered paper and tore it into shreds.

"Leave Paris! trust to you!" she cried with a scornful laugh. "No, I would rather trust to the brave, the heroic French nation. I have no need of protection from the murderers of my father and my brothers."

"Be it as you will. I sought your presence with a dream of vengeance hot in my heart, for possibly old, unthought upon mother the cruelest wrong that man can inflict on woman. But face to face with such ruin, such woe, such desolation, vengeance dies and anger turns to pity. We are quits," said "Vengeance is mine," hath indeed repaid."

"Vengeance!" repeated Leonie de Versigny. "What were the wrongs of Germany compared to the misery that has devastated France?"

"It was not the wrongs of Germany that cried to heaven for retribution, but the wrongs of womanhood. Lina Muller! Was from such dens as the Pare aux Cerfs there must have gone up wild wailings, despairing cries, unheard by man, but hearkened to by, and answered to, Jehovah. Not a hair of his head not a sparrow fall unheeded to the ground."

He turned to the old Count, who, unconscious of what passing, had fallen into a heavy doze.

"Count Amedee de Versigny," he said; extending one hand solemnly toward the white, drooping head, "the wrongs of Lina Muller have been terribly avenged. I, her son, pardon you."

He offered his hand to Mademoiselle de Versigny, but she shrank from him without speaking, casting on him at the same time a glance of unutterable scorn and loathing. He bowed gravely to her, a salutation which she did not return, and without another word he quitted the room.

"Poor child," he said, half apologetically, to himself, as he descended the stairs, "I wish I could have helped her or protected her. Poor helpless, pretty creature!"

He reached the street. There he paused and looked up at the gloomy sky, a dense canopy of dull, leaden-hued clouds hung like a pall above the doomed city.

"Mother, father Philip," he murmured, "can you forgive me that I have forgotten? You can, my father, for you lived to hear the tidings from Sedan. What were the weak breath of one poor human vengeance compared with this all wielding and all avenging God,—a whirlwind which has overthrown a nation."—*Lucy Hamilton Harper in Lippincott's Magazine.*

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Franchise and furniture		4,182.30
Taxes paid		1,000.53
Current expenses		965.80
		$565,115.87

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Capital paid up	$200,000.00	
Surplus	10,211.25	
Profits		$210,211.25
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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the FIFTH NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of said Bank, in Chicago, on Tuesday, January 9, 1872, between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m.

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JOHN W. CLAPP, Secretary.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 3, 1872.

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M. D. BUCHANAN, Cashier.

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